4 Unilever employees killed in bus accident in Cavite

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GMA loses voice, cancels some meetings

By Carlito Pablo

WORKING hard and playing hard the past week have taken their toll on President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Was it the wind and surf in Siargao, Surigao del Norte? The dive off Coron

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

For first time, RP to buy oil from Russia

By Juliet L. Javellana

A GOVERNMENT mission led by Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. and Energy Secretary Vince Perez will go to Russia this month to make arrangements for the importation of a "contingency oil reserve"

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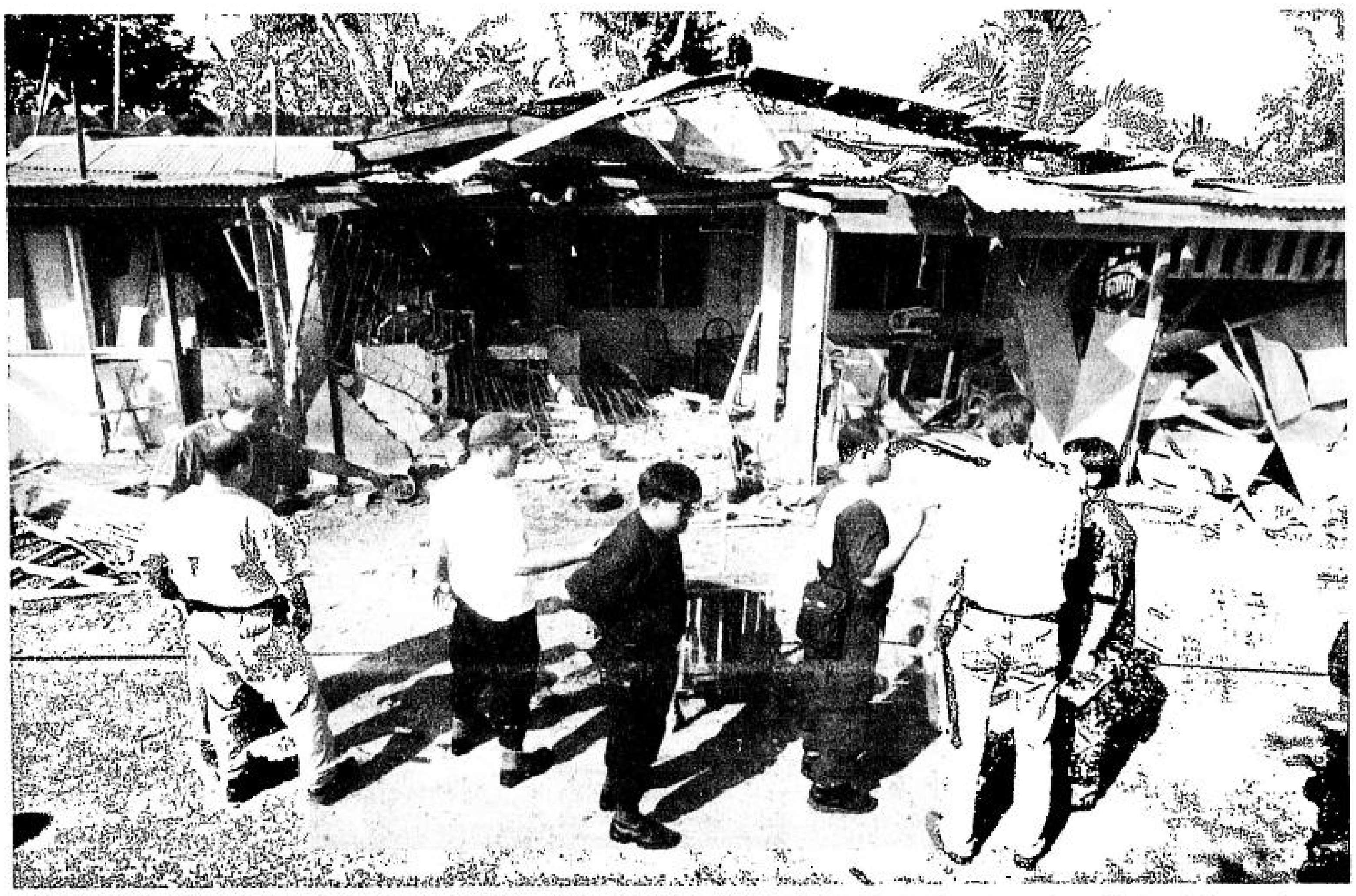
AFP, PNP chiefs: Abu Sayyaf did it

US soldier scans the perimeter of Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga City. AFP

American experts probing chemical used to produce 'nail bomb'



DAY after a bomb exploded outside a karaoke bar in Malagutay, Zamboanga City, which killed a US soldier and two Filipino civilians and injured 26 others, the area is combed by Filipino and American investigators. AFP

By Julie S. Alipala, *PDI Mindanao Bureau*
and Martin Marfil, *in Manila*

ZAMBOANGA CITY—"All indications point to the Abu Sayyaf," said the statement issued last night by the Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin Defensor referring to the perpetrators of the bomb explosion last Wednesday night.

The explosion was unlike anything ever seen before, residents say.

"A blast of hot wind hit us, and then darkness. I don't remember what happened next."

This was how M/Sgt. Ernesto Nuval, who was relaxing with some friends inside a videoke bar in Barangay Malagutay, described the explosion Wednesday night that killed two Filipino civilians and Sgt. Mark Jackson, an American Green Beret.

The darkness was also what Cherry Enriquez, whose family owns the videoke bar, remembered before she passed out. "I came to only when people started shouting," she said. "And then someone was putting me on a stretcher."

But the explosion was felt as far as 25 meters from where it happened.

Describing the impact, housewife Lydia Apari said her dishes were all broken. Retired M/Sgt. Rodolfo Enriquez said it was the most powerful blast he had experienced. "Up to now, I'm having hearing problems," he said.

Col. Alexander Yapching, chief of Task Force Zamboanga, told the INQUIRER that the bomb was put beside a motorcycle parked in front of the videoke bar more than an hour before it exploded at 8:30 p.m.

He said no one had claimed ownership of the motorcycle.

Asked by reporters if the explosion was the work of a suicide

AFP/A16

Expect more Abu attacks, says Stratfor

By Martin P. Marfil

A RESPECTED US-based think tank yesterday said that it expected more attacks by the Abu Sayyaf against American interests.

The assessment was made by Stratfor which also noted that the Zamboanga City blast last Wednesday came only days after Abu Sayyaf "spiritual leader" Khadaffy Janjalani called on Muslims to attack American and Filipino interests in a bid to "reshape" the Muslim fundamentalist group.

Stratfor also noted the "growing" US presence in the country as part of "Washington's 'second front' in the war against terrorism. Next year, a larger contingent of US forces will take part in counter-terrorism exercises, Stratfor said.

This month, an additional 600 Marines are scheduled to arrive in Northern Luzon for Talon Vision 02 exercises.

According to Stratfor, Janjalani's statement was made in a bid to "reshape" the Abu Sayyaf which had been wracked by internal debates since the death of Abu Sayyaf founder Abdujarak Abubakar Janjalani in 1998.

On Sept. 27, Khadaffy Janjalani read a statement calling on "all believers in the oneness of Allah" to strike at both foreign and domestic enemies of Islam, including those whom he described as the "new crusaders," appar-

EXPECT/A17

How can these men be suicide bombers?

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—How can these men be suicide bombers? Marlon Tuballa was to marry his pregnant girlfriend, and his cousin, Bernard Limba, already had a passport to return to Malaysia to work in a logging plantation.

But the two men's dreams were snuffed out along with their lives in Wednesday night's bomb attack in Barangay Malagutay. Worse, their loved ones now have to contend with official suspicion that they were suicide bombers.

Sara Boclot, 21, said she thought it was a bad joke when her friend Abby phoned to inform her about her boyfriend's death.

"I told her that Marlon just left our house and that I did not think he would still be out at around 9 p.m. I just laughed," she told the

HOW/A16

Why cracks have started to show in PLDT alliance

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

CRACKS have started to show in the alliance between Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangco and Manuel Pangilinan, erstwhile partners in a successful attempt to thwart tycoon John Gokongwei's bid to acquire Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

A top-level source said Pangilinan, chair of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., was irked by news releases pushing for his ouster as president and chief executive of PLDT.

WHY/A18

Plunder raps filed 'to echo in eternity'

By Volt Contreras

BORROWING a line from the blockbuster film "Gladiator," Sulficio Tagud Jr. said he blew the whistle on the alleged P600-million overprice of the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard (PDMB), hoping the noise would "echo in eternity."

Tagud and civil society leaders filed a complaint for plunder yesterday against 16 public officials and a businessman in connection with the alleged scam.

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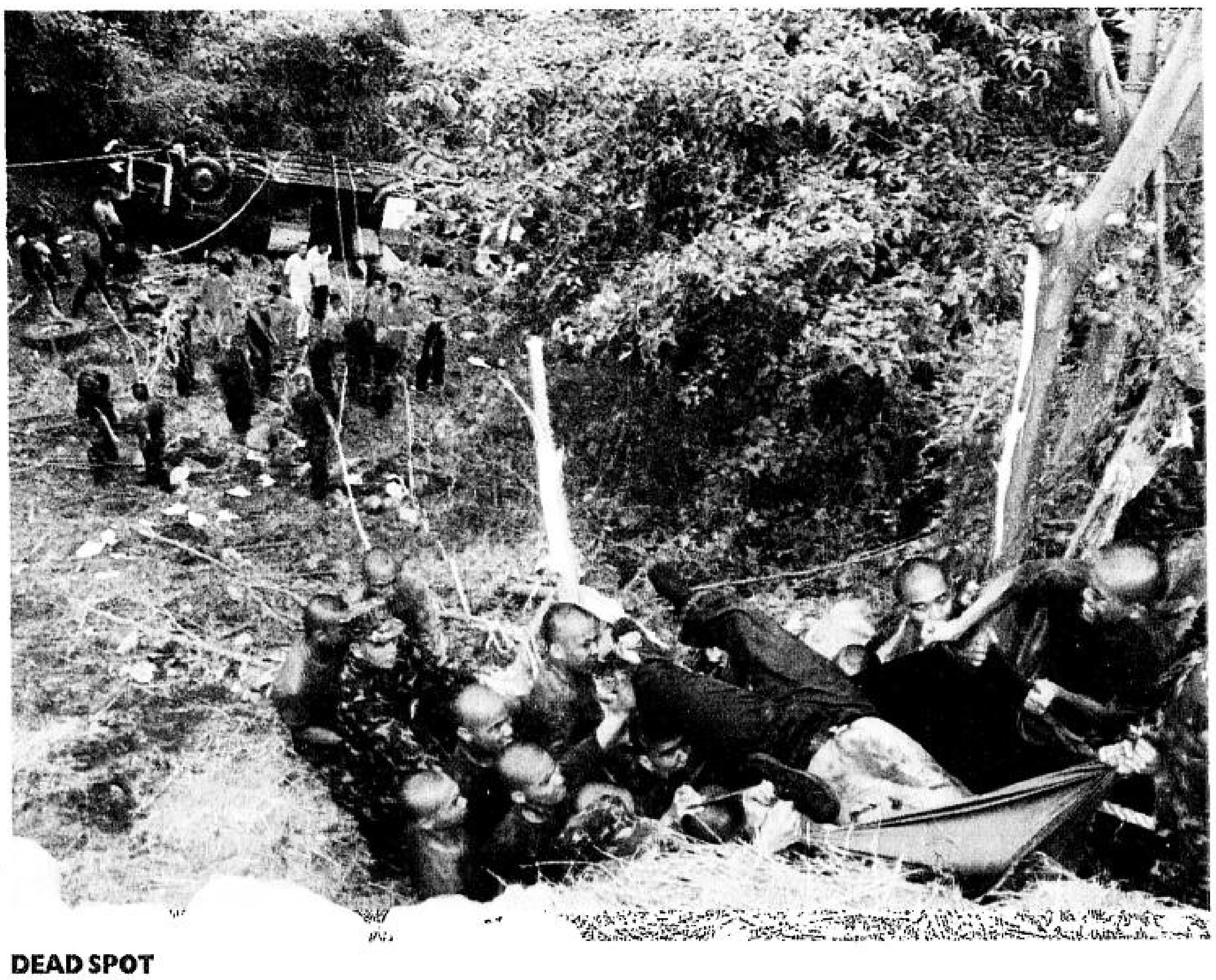

DEAD SPOT
In Barangay Sapang Uno, Ternate, Cavite, four people were killed when a Unilever company bus with employees on board on the way to a team building seminar fell off a ravine. Marines recover the body of Romulo Paragas. ***(Story on Page A14.)*** ERIK ARAZAS

Deadly stats show it's a violent world

GENEVA—One person commits suicide roughly every 40 seconds, one person is murdered every 60 seconds and one person dies in armed conflict every 100 seconds, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

Overall, WHO estimated that 1.6 million people met premature and ugly deaths in 2000.

In what it described as the most exhaustive international study into the problem, the UN health agency highlighted the extent of violence in the home and on the street; abuse of children and the elderly; suicide and war.

"The figures for violent death tell only part of the story," said the report's author Etienne Krug. "Physical, sexual and psychological abuse occur in every country on a daily basis, undermining the health and well-being of many millions of people."

Krug's team spent three years writing the 346-page report, based on research from 160 experts on 170 countries. WHO now hopes to gather even more information to fill in gaps in knowledge about what is often a

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Eastern and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
SOURCE: PAGASA

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PALAWAN COURT ORDER

Gov blocks Sino poachers' release

By Dominique Monera-Tabora
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The 122 Chinese illegal fishermen who pleaded guilty to poaching and were expecting to be released yesterday in a court-approved plea bargain have run into another obstacle.

Claiming to having obtained a court order, Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes yesterday announced that unless the Chinese pay in full the $600,000 fine ordered by the court and reimburse the P655,555 that the provincial government spent for their food, he would do everything he could to block their release.

The lawyer of the fishermen, Zoilo Cruzal, said, however, the governor's motion was not sufficient to stop the release of the Chinese indefinitely as the demand was "civil in nature."

Non-government organizations and Palawan officials and residents have opposed the release and decried the allegedly "no-balls" diplomacy that facilitated the plea bargain for the 122 Chinese illegal fishermen who have been at the center of a diplomatic row between the Philippines and China.

Norwin Abis, a law enforcement officer of the World Wildlife Fund, questioned why "Filipino offenders are paraded in media by the President yet it is the government officials who are working for the reduction of the fines imposed on the Chinese poachers."

The Chinese who were arrested on board six fishing vessels were convicted of 11 counts of poaching and illegal fishing charges last Sept. 27.

Judge Perfecto Pe ordered them to pay a poaching fine of $100,000 per fishing vessel, or a total of US$600,000.

As of Oct. 1, however, only P2.6 million—equivalent to $50,000 using the conversion rate of P51.87 to $1—had been paid to the clerk of court, representing only 8.3 percent of the $600,000.

A fine of P2,000 was also imposed on each of the 104 Chinese sentenced for violating Sec. 91 and 89 of the Philippine Fisheries Code (RA 8550).

Palawan Rep. Abraham Khalil Mitra has threatened to investigate those responsible for ordering the release of the 122 Chinese, saying the poachers were supposed to pay other administrative penalties amounting to more than P50 million.

Aside from the remaining $550,000 unpaid poaching fines, the Chinese have not paid P26.6 million in fines to the immigration, fisheries and customs bureaus. This would bring the total unpaid fines to P55 million.

Angelique Songco, the park manager of the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park where 95 of the illegal fishermen were caught, decried the P2.6 million that the government managed to collect from the poachers considering that "the annual cost of protecting Tubbataha Reef is more than P10 million."

She estimated the value of marine resources confiscated from the 122 Chinese at P9.2 million, based on the current market prices of the 167 turtles, 600 kilos of live Napolean wrasses and groupers, 5,745 sacks of dried giant clams and 114 sacks of dried sea cucumbers that were listed in the inventory of seized items from the six vessels.

The amount did not include "the cost of biodiversity loss and the destruction of marine life" from the cyanide dumped into the sea by the 122 Chinese.

Cagayancillo mayor Joel Carceller who led 100 residents in arresting the Chinese last May 12 was also dismayed at the minuscule amount of the fines.

"We risked our lives in apprehending these Chinese, traveling to Puerto Princesa for the trial and we spent a lot for the prosecution of these cases," he said.

Lawyer Grizelda Mayo-Anda of the Environmental Legal Assistance Center said "we will initiate legal and meta-legal actions to hold government agencies accountable."

US still hopeful Mark Jimenez will be extradited

By Norman Bordadora

JIMENEZ

THE UNITED States government remains optimistic Rep. Mark Jimenez will be extradited to that country, even after a lower court judge denied the government's request for an arrest warrant for the Manila congressman.

US Embassy spokesperson Karen Kelley told the INQUIRER the US expects Jimenez to eventually face the charges against him in an American court, in light of the extradition treaty between the two countries.

"We still have every bit of expectation the extradition treaty would be fulfilled," Kelley said yesterday in a phone interview.

The embassy, however, withheld comment on Manila Judge Guillermo Purganan's recent denial of the DOJ request that Jimenez be arrested immediately, after the Supreme Court had revoked his bail.

"The domestic issues with regard to the case are best taken care of by Philippine officials," Kelley said.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez said at a news conference his department would just have to wait for the Supreme Court's final decision on Jimenez's motion for reconsideration of the bail cancellation.

"We would just have to wait for the high court's final decision on Jimenez's bail," he said.

In the meantime, he said, the DOJ would accede to the Manila Regional Trial Court's decision denying the issuance of an arrest warrant for Jimenez.

The DOJ had declared Jimenez a "higher flight risk" after the Supreme Court canceled the P1-million bail the Manila RTC had granted him.

Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez had told a House inquiry the declaration was the reason the DOJ asked the lower court to issue an arrest warrant for the Manila representative.

Jimenez is facing charges of tax evasion, fraud and making illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic Party. He reportedly contributed to the campaign funds of then US President Bill Clinton.

Jimenez's colleagues in the House have rallied behind him. They criticized the Supreme Court ruling canceling his bail and the DOJ's "eagerness" to place him behind bars.

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Cardeño charged in Baron's slay

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice yesterday filed murder charges against Supt. Rafael Cardeño and four other suspects for the killing of Army officer Baron Cervantes last New Year's Eve.

The three-person panel of prosecutors recommended no bail for Cardeño, confessed gunman Joseph Mostrales, Santiago Camacho, Jaime Centeno and Erlindo Torres.

"All told, we find ample evidence sufficient to establish probable cause against (the respondents), confederating with one another, for the offense charges," prosecutors said.

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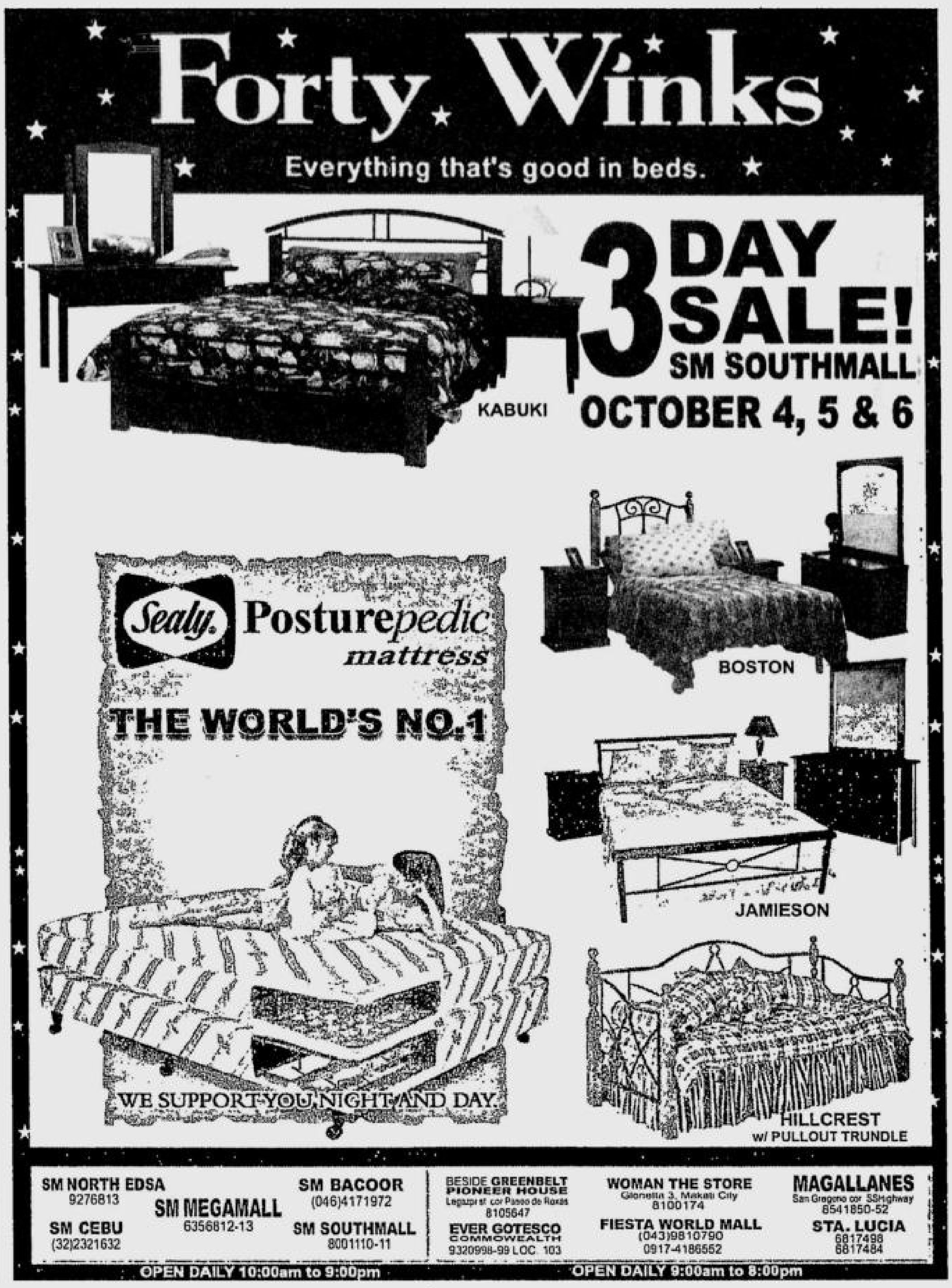
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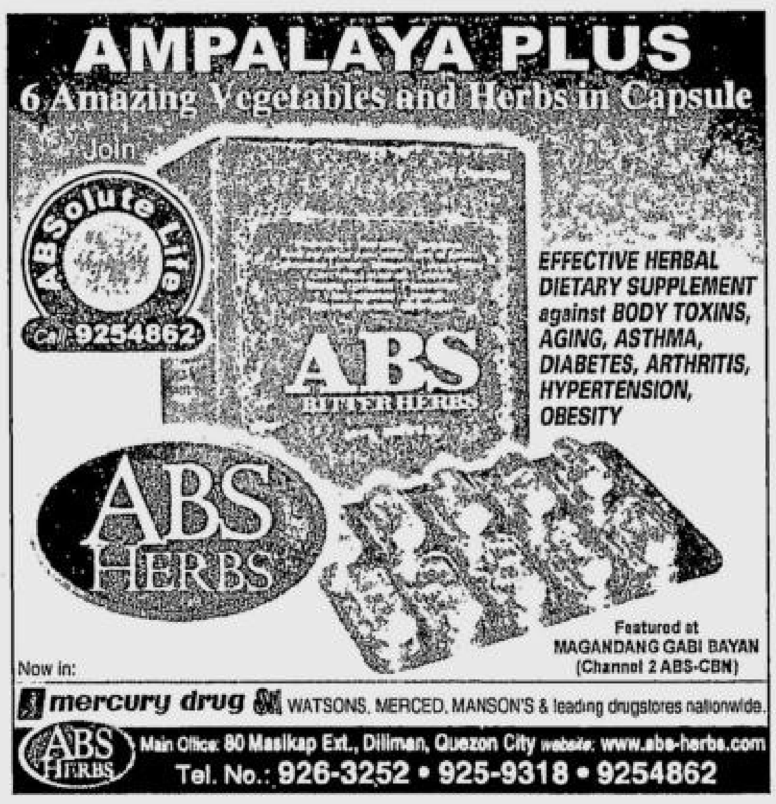
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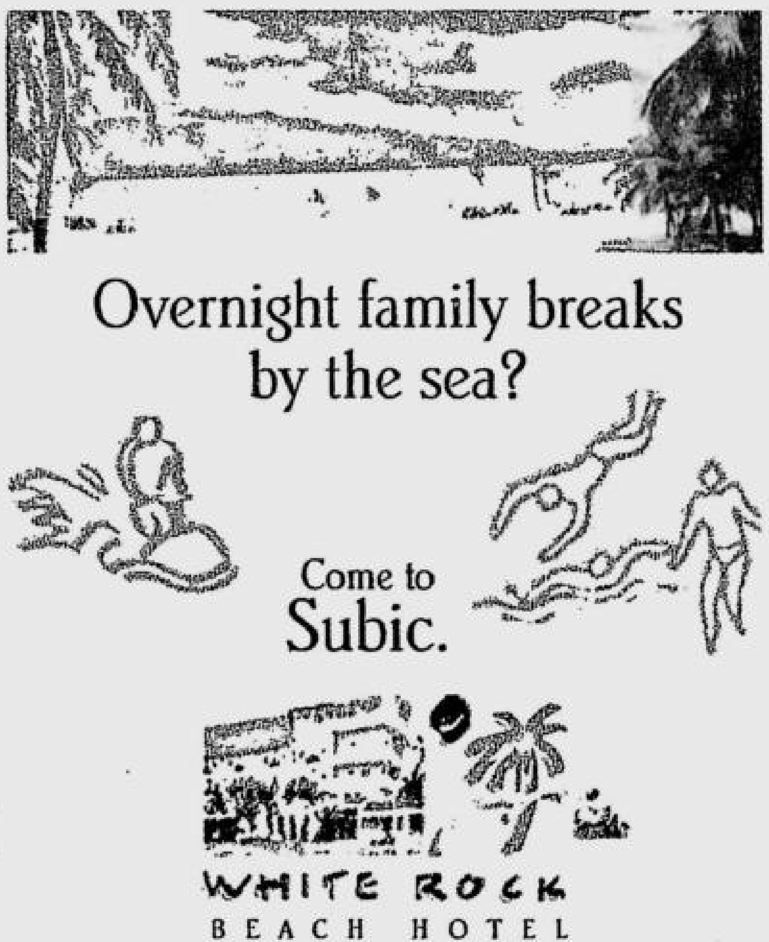
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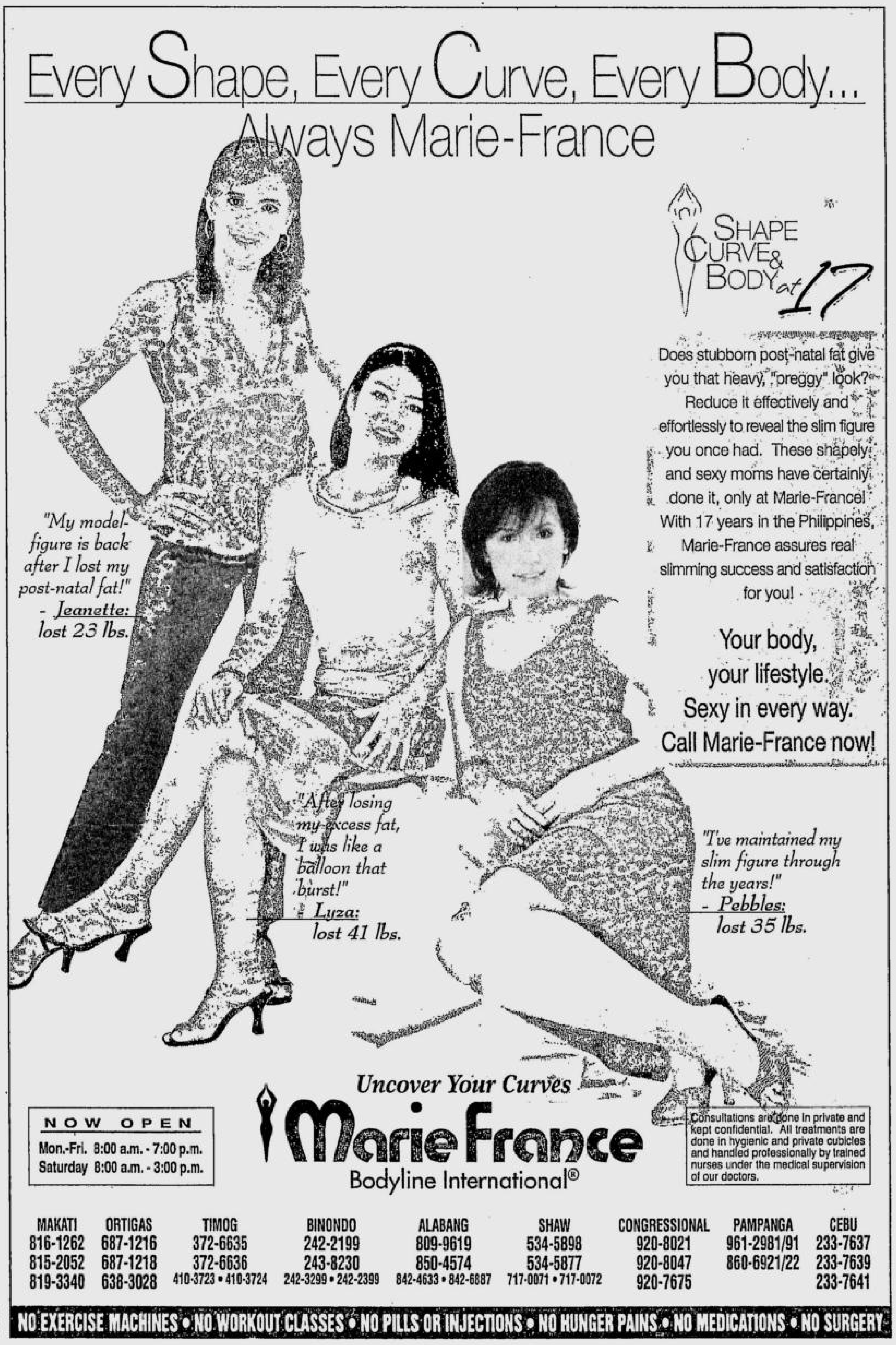
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PILIPINAS Shell Petroleum Corp. announced that effective 10 p.m. last night, prices of gasoline and kerosene would go up by 50 centavos per liter and that of diesel by 30 centavos.

Roberto Kanapi, Pilipinas Shell general manager for external affairs, said in a telephone interview that the increase was due to the continuing rise in world crude prices coupled with rising tensions in the Middle East.

On Tuesday, Consumer and Oil Price Watch chair Raul Concepcion said an increase of 62 centavos per liter was expected this month.

Average Dubai crude prices increased by $1.56 per barrel from $25.24 in August to $26.80 in September.

On the other hand, the peso depreciated by 34 centavos against the dollar from P51.82 in August to P52.16 last month.

Caltex, meanwhile, said domestic prices of oil products will have to increase in the coming days in response to continued pressure experienced by regional markets due to rising global prices and difficult market conditions.

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NAIA 3 'SOFT OPENING'

Piatco elated by Gloria order

THE PHILIPPINE International Air Terminals Co. has taken President Macapagal-Arroyo's order for the controversial Naia Terminal 3 to "soft-open" on Dec. 15 as an endorsement of Piatco's position.

"It was a clear signal for us to take off," said Piatco vice president Moises Tolentino.

"Although there are still some issues that have to be resolved, President Macapagal-Arroyo's order has signified government's agreement with us that opening the Naia 3 is in the best interest of the country," Tolentino said.

He asked Piatco's critics to cooperate with the company for the benefit of all involved in the aviation industry, saying the modern terminal could spell a big difference in the country's economy, particularly in the tourism sector.

"Let's set aside the crab mentality. The Naia 3 had been envisioned as an international gateway that would show to the world that the Philippines has arrived," Tolentino said.

The project has been mired in controversy since a Malacañang-ordered review of the terminal's build-operate-transfer contract judged it to be "onerous" and grossly disadvantageous to the government. There were concerns the terminal, which was built at an allegedly inflated cost of $570 million, would not open as scheduled on Nov. 26.

Piatco officials, however, insisted that the company would open the facility as scheduled.

Malacañang has since formed a Cabinet committee to conduct another review, with a view to renegotiating the allegedly onerous provisions.

The Save Naia 3 Coalition of five cooperatives and 25 labor organizations also welcomed the President's decision to have the new terminal open despite the controversies hounding it.

"Airport workers are brimming with anticipation. They know they would have jobs at the Naia 3," said the coalition in a statement.

Two congressmen said the soft-opening is a shot in the arm for the economy.

"The signal is loud and clear for international investor confidence that here in the Philippines, we recognize the sanctity of freely negotiated contracts even as we mutually agree with the private sector for renegotiating perceived deficiencies," said House transportation committee chair Rep. Jacinto Paras.

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay hailed the President's decision as a clear signal for economic recovery.

"The government can now address other concerns such as dwindling foreign investments, lowering of the value of the peso and the expected oil crunch due to the Middle East turmoil," Pichay said.

Rep. Eduardo Veloso said the earnings from the new terminal, when it becomes operational, could partially cover revenue shortfalls

But opposition Sen. Tessie Oreta questioned the President's order, saying it effectively pre-empted the ongoing review by the Cabinet committee.

In a statement, Oreta questioned how Ms Macapagal could order the terminal to open "when she has yet to receive the findings of a review panel she herself created to investigate the Piatco contract." *Norman Bordadora, Juliet Javellana and Rocky Nazareno*

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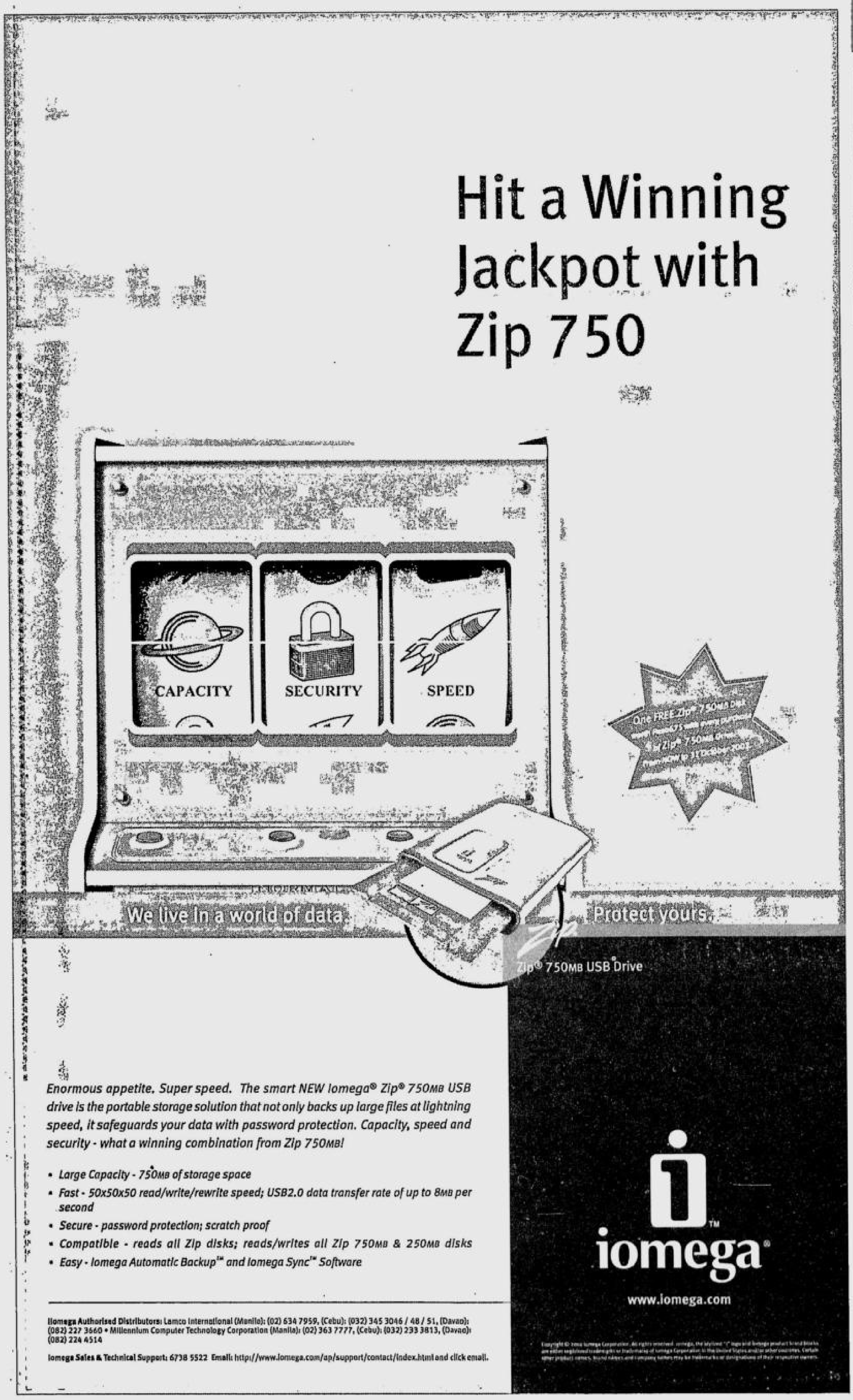

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RE: INCREASE IN CTA DOCKET FEES

RESOLUTION

Acting on the endorsement of the Committee on Revision of the Rules of Court, the Court Resolved to APPROVE the request of the Court of Tax Appeals to amend Rule 17, Section 1 of the Rules of the Court of Tax Appeals as follows:

"RULE 17

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The amendment shall take effect on November 4, 2002 following the publication of this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation.

September 24, 2002.

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Opposition beefs up, keeps pressure on FPJ

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE RULING opposition party, the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, has started fortifying its organizational structure from the national to the barangay levels in preparation for the 2004 elections.

Senate Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III said this yesterday after the national directorate leaders of LDP met at the house of Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta on Wednesday night to start the reorganization process.

By fortifying the LDP membership, Sotto said, the LDP hoped that the party would be able to achieve its goal of cornering most local and national elective seats in 2004.

Sotto said the LDP will not stop exerting pressure on movie actor Fernando Poe Jr., or any "winnable" candidates for that matter, to join the party and run for president or as guest candidates in elective positions that will be up for grabs.

"We will, of course, exert efforts to invite candidates or Filipinos who we think would be able to present himself and the party well to the people," Sotto said.

Asked if a team-up between Poe and Sen. Edgardo Angara, LDP president, would happen, Sotto said, "that is a possibility because the door is open to a lot of options."

Sotto, however, stressed that no particular candidates were mentioned in the Wednesday meeting, only the possible senatorial line-up which will be headed by reelectionist senators.

Also discussed were some structural problems that the LDP encountered in the past which its leaders hoped to resolve before October next year, he said.

Sotto also said the LDP was planning to strengthen its membership by inviting new members in the grassroots level.

As far as Sen. Robert Jaworski was concerned, Sotto insisted that the former was still an LDP member despite his decision to join the ruling coalition in the Senate in June.

Sotto said there has not been a divisive vote yet from July to the present that would make other LDP members rethink their position.

He also said that even Senate President Franklin Drilon was still considered an LDP member because he has not filed a letter of resignation from the party.

But asked for comment, Drilon said he was no longer an LDP member from the time he filed his candidacy as an independent in the last senatorial election.

Drilon said that submitting a resignation letter to the LDP leadership was no longer necessary.

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DOH plans to shock smokers into quitting

By Armand N. Nocum

PICTURES of diseased lungs, yellowed teeth and nicotine-stained fingers are certainly not pretty to look at.

But these are the photos the Department of Health is planning to put out in the hope they would convince people who smoke to quit.

"We are going to graphically project the bad effects of tobacco on the body," said Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit.

In a telephone interview, Dayrit told the INQUIRER the project was hatched after it was observed that the printed warnings on cigarette packs were not deterring people from smoking.

The DOH had said earlier it might move to increase the size of the printed warnings against smoking on cigarette packs.

The DOH said that studies made in 1999 showed that smoking cost the country some P19 billion in health care costs annually, and P13 billion in lost productivity of people who developed smoking-related diseases.

The government also spends about P10 billion annually for the treatment of people with lung cancer and P4 billion for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases.

Dayrit also called on all countries in the world to take a firmer stand against the manufacture and sale of tobacco, in observance of the 4th International Week of Resistance to Tobacco Transnationals.

Dayrit also lamented that the recently approved draft treaty of the Framework Convection on Tobacco Control to limit the global spread of tobacco and its products falls short of putting in place measures to aggressively "reverse the global tobacco epidemic."

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The Philippine Mental Health Association (PMHA) will spearhead the affair with the theme "Trauma and Violence on Children and Adolescents: A Cause for Alarm."

Professionals from various government and private organizations, the academe, child-caring institutions as well as other interested individuals are expected to attend this 2-day conference.

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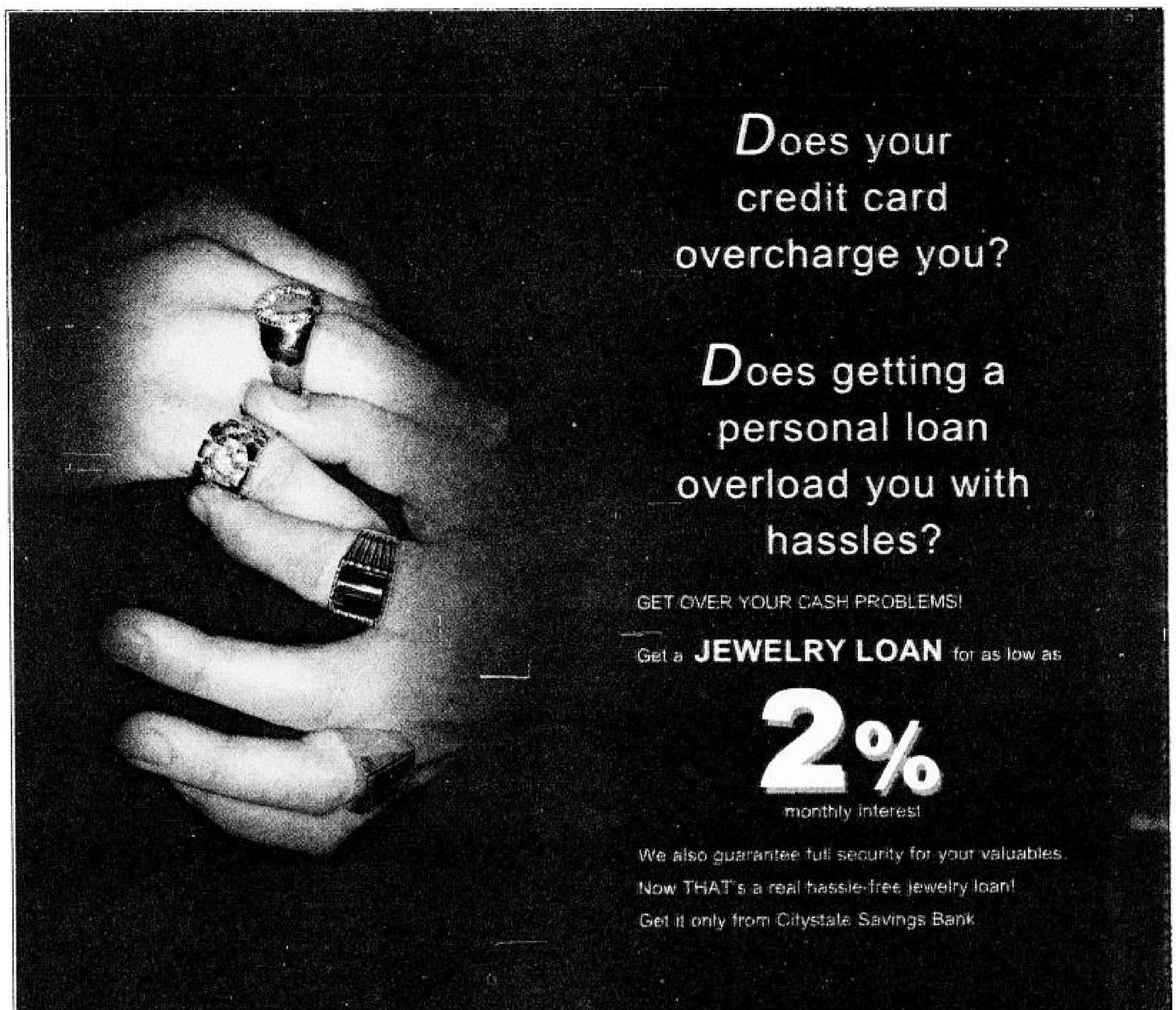

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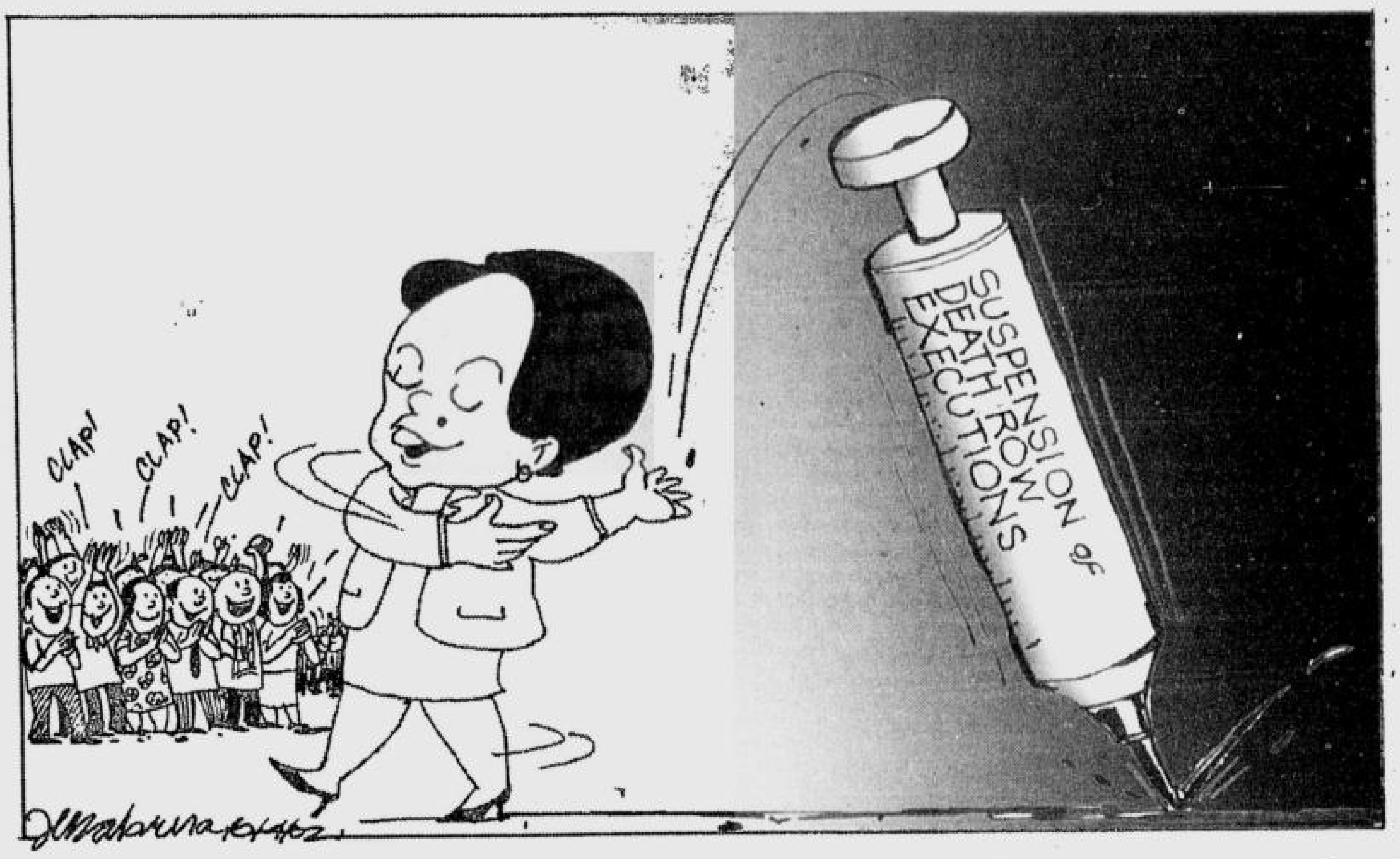
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Different crimes

EDITORIAL

THE PROPOSAL of House Minority Leader Gilbert Remulla to make jail guards suffer the same penalty as the prisoners who escape during their watch looks a little bit too harsh. But maybe just a little bit. There have been so many spectacular jailbreaks in recent months that it has become necessary to take a long, hard look at the liability of wardens and jail guards who are remiss in the performance of their duties.

The latest mysterious prison episode happened only last Sunday. Henry Tan, a big-time Chinese drug trafficker, sawed off the window grills of his cell at the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency detention center, scaled the 12-foot perimeter fence in Camp Crame and left for parts unknown. Tan and two other Chinese nationals were arrested in Zambales last November for possession of 350 kilos of shabu. It's a heinous crime that could earn them the death penalty several times over.

Earlier, the leader of the Pentagon kidnap gang, Faisal Marohombsar, also escaped from his detention cell in Camp Crame along with two other detainees. He was killed a few weeks later in a shootout with law enforcement agents during the successful rescue of a kidnapped child belonging to the wealthy Lopez clan.

The relative ease with which these suspected kingpins of crime pulled off their escape from cells located at the headquarters of the Philippine National Police can only mean that either the guards looked the other way or they actually helped the detainees escape. But the most severe penalty their guards could get if found guilty of negligence or connivance is six years in jail.

That's much too light a penalty, in the view of Remulla. As he pointed out, the guilty guards may not even have to stay one day in prison since the offense is bailable and, if convicted, they can be put on probation. They also need not worry about losing their jobs since they are well rewarded for their cooperation, he said.

To put a stop to such infuriating displays of incompetence or criminal conspiracies, Remulla wants Congress to pass a law imposing on erring guards the same penalties as the prisoners they allow to escape, either through negligence or outright connivance. Sen. Robert Barbers, who has called for a Senate investigation of Tan's great escape, is proposing the same thing.

At first glance, the idea appears to be fair. It is often hard to capture big-time criminals, but all the effort is wasted when jail guards allow them to go free. Such a mockery of the whole justice system deserves to be punished severely. And the more serious the crime for which a prisoner is charged or convicted, the greater should be the penalty for his conniving guard. After all, a drug lord like Tan does infinitely more harm than, say, a pickpocket, and he poses a greater menace to society when he is set free.

But justice will not be served by making a guard suffer the same penalty as a prisoner who escapes while in his custody. That is punishing someone for the sins of another. Negligence is not the same as kidnapping. Dereliction of duty cannot be as heinous as trafficking in prohibited drugs. Nothing can justify the imposition of a more severe punishment for a separate and lighter crime.

Shared responsibility

FOREIGN COMMENT

GERMAN Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Fischer's criticism of Bush's military plans against Iraq is not a sign of anti-Americanism. Instead it indicates a new phase of shared responsibility between leaders of the European Union and the United States, especially concerning the question of the use of military force in international conflicts.

Critics of Schroeder's position on Bush's war must remember that Germany also sent soldiers to Kosovo, participated in military operations in Afghanistan, and expressed sincere condolences for the tragedy of Sept. 11.

Schroeder's critique must be seen not as a regression but as a new phase. It is not anti-Americanism to doubt the direct connection between international terror and Iraq and to fear the destabilization of the entire Middle East after a military action disapproved of by all countries in the region. This is merely a new era in which cooperation between Europe and the United States includes criticism.

La Stampa (Turin, Italy)

All you want to know about the Kapihan sa Manila

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

BECAUSE there are news forums in many hotels and restaurants, in all the television channels and radio stations, I have been repeatedly asked to talk about and write about the mother of them all, the original Kapihan sa Manila (at the Manila Hotel) of which I am one of the founders and still running it after all these years. This piece should satisfy the curious.

It was in February 1985, exactly one year before the historic People Power Revolution, that the late Pat H. Gonzales of the Bulletin, invited the publishers and top editors of the three major newspapers then (Daily Express, Bulletin and Times-Journal) to a meeting at the Manila Hotel. Among those who attended (those whom I can remember) were Johnny Perez, Pocholo Romualdez and me for the Express, Manuel Salak for the Times-Journal, Pat Gonzales and Jun Icban for the Bulletin, and mutual friends from the government and private sectors: Sen. Blas F. Ople, Jess Tanchangco, Roman Cruz Jr., then chair of the Manila Hotel Corp., who paid for the lunch,and others whom I can no longer remember.

The problem was that only the government side was being aired in the three newspapers. The opposition to the Marcos regime was already growing but their voices were not being heard in media. The general impression was that this was exactly what the media industry wanted. This impression was wrong.

It is true the three dailies were owned by relatives and cronies of President Marcos and the major television network was being run by the government, but the working journalists, most of whom were veteran professionals, were not happy that the contents of their newspapers were not balanced. The owners liked it that way but those who staffed the papers did not. The voice of the opposition was not getting in the papers. Knowing who their owners were, opposition leaders didn't even try to get in.

So it was decided during the editor's meeting to organize a weekly breakfast forum at the Manila Hotel where government officials and opposition leaders would be invited to debate current issues face to face. It was christened "Kapihan sa Manila" and it was to be covered by the media.

With opposition views being sired in a public forum, it would be legitimate news, not a mere press release, and the editors would have a good excuse to publish them in their papers.

To a Metro Manila society that was hungry for opinion that differed from the government line, Kapihan sa Manila was an immediate success. Opposition leaders clamored to be invited to the forum but government officials were not so eager. Nevertheless, they had to attend or the government would be clobbered by the opposition. The forum was primarily to give the working press a source of news, albeit opposition views, but it was also open to the public.

As a measure of its success, Channel 4, the government TV network, offered to air the Kapihan in partnership with the editors' group. They were to split the advertising revenues 50-50. A contract was signed.

Channel 4 dutifully remitted the Kapihan share of the revenues. But only for a while. Soon the royalty stopped coming. When Dodie Limcaoco (the present presidential adviser for communications) became chief of Channel 4 I wrote in my column about Channel 4's unpaid debts to us. He asked for a meeting, handed me a check for several thousand pesos and said that the rest would be forthcoming. That was the last check we got from Channel 4. The government network still owes Kapihan a bundle.

Ironically, it was the Aquino administration that took over the government after Edsa I, which tried to censor the airing of Kapihan on Channel 4. When President Corazon Aquino sacked then Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile—one of the principal figures who made Edsa I possible and catapulted her to power, we invited him to the Kapihan, together with government personalities. Enrile was then the most newsworthy public figure.

On the morning of the forum, only Enrile appeared. None of the government officials showed up. What's more, the forum was not shown on Channel 4. The tape was defective, was the reason given.

We protested but the next time Enrile was a panelist at the Kapihan, some parts of the conversations were deleted, curiously the more sensitive of Enrile's comments. Again, the excuse was that the tape was old and defective.

Many people who watched the morning forum live and then watched the TV version in the evening complained at the apparent censorship. Rather than be accused of being a party to censorship, we decided to terminate the contract with Channel 4.

Kapihan sa Manila has many offspring. Breakfast, lunch and dinner forums sprouted in many hotels and restaurants. They all have the same format as the original Kapihan: representatives of all sides in any given controversy faced one another so that the working journalists, and eventually the public, will get a balanced view of the subject. Similar *kapihans* sprouted in the provinces and even in the Filipino communities in New York and San Francisco. Many of them were also named "kapihan." Television talk shows also copied the same format. The University of Sto. Tomas Alumni Association gave Pat and me awards for being among the founders of the original Kapihan.

During almost every anniversary, we have dinner shows satirizing public officials that rivalled the traditional Gridiron of the National Press Club.

So it is not wrong to say that all the news forums you now see in the various hotels and restaurants are offspring of the Original, the genuine Kapihan sa Manila.

Death throes

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

DON'T look now, but there's a catastrophe facing the world today far direr than anything we've ever known. And far more real than the threat of Saddam Hussein's bombs, which exists largely in George Bush's mind.

Australia is the latest victim of that brewing catastrophe. Its fields have grown sere in the worst drought the country has ever experienced. Farmers are at their wits' end trying to figure out what to do with their farms. Many have packed up and left, selling their property to anyone willing to buy them. Cattle raisers in particular are giving up. Many have sold whatever stock they have left, which is in many cases but herds of emaciated cows. Watering holes have dried up and grass has disappeared.

One particularly chilling image captured by BBC is dead animals being pulled out from what were once watering holes. The watering holes have since turned to mud and slime, and the animals that had gone there to slake their thirst had gotten caught in the mud and, too weak to break free, had died there. The dead animals were variously cattle, kangaroo and dingo.

What has compounded the problem is an army of kangaroos descending on the plains like a swift invading cavalry. Yet another breathtaking image caught by BBC is a horde of them bounding through the desert, sending dust billowing in their wake. I suddenly remembered the scene from Spielberg's "Jurassic Park" of raptors darting swiftly through the plains while chasing prey. Except that these were far more plentiful. Panicked by lack of water, the kangaroos were migrating en masse to what they figured was greener pasture.

But there was no greener pasture and what they thought to be salvation was certain doom. Cattle raisers have been shooting them down because they are competing with the cattle for truly scant resources. Some have begun doing so as well to tide themselves over the desperate times, kangaroo skins fetching a price in the market. But nobody's buying them anymore. There are just more dead kangaroos than can be sold off. So they end up littering the plains and feeding the buzzards. Experts estimate that millions of kangaroos will be slaughtered this year. Australians just shrug it off and say these things breed fast and should be able to replenish their ranks in no time. A comfortable thought that may turn up wrong, both in terms of the scale of destruction of the animals and their capacity to regenerate.

I had all this in mind when I read that our own weathermen were saying El Niño has finally kicked in, the rains are over. I don't know if the dry spell will be as severe as the one in Australia. Probably not, given that much of Australia is really desert to begin with. But that is cold comfort when you look at the ferocity of the drought that beset this country some years ago, when lumads in the South resorted to eating poisonous yam to survive. It is certainly a cause for worry, given that we don't seem prepared for it.

Elsewhere in the world, it is not unrelenting sun but untamable water. Only some months ago, floods descended on Prague, the Paris of the East as they say. I haven't seen Prague, to my eternal chagrin, and will only have to take their word for it. It was the worst flood in the last hundred years, the reports said, and that at least was obvious from the TV footage. The city was evacuated in certain parts as waters rose to alarming levels, ruining homes and important monuments, some of them permanently. It would take months, probably years, for the city to recover some of its luster, the reports said. And even then, it wouldn't be the same again.

The same thing happened to the eastern part of Germany. The floods were the bitterest anyone could remember, turning Dresden and environs into sludge in many parts. That was how Gerhard Schroeder stole the thunder from his rival, Edmund Stoiber, winning hearts, and votes, by trudging through the mud in knee-high boots in the former socialist sector and consoling people who had lost the only home they knew. What made the floods particularly destructive was that no one expected them. The waters just came tumbling down one day and overran the towns swiftly. Like Prague, they would take months, probably years, to recover, their sewerage system needing massive repairs.

Clearly, when we talk of global warming, we are not talking of a catastrophe that will happen tomorrow, we are talking of a catastrophe that is happening even as we speak. The signs are there, and they are dire. Wayward waters and dry earth are not unknown to this world, we've had them in the past. But we've never had them happening simultaneously in various parts of the world. Certainly, we've never had one calamity happening after another with increasing rapidity. Over the last few years, we've also had hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides, and so on. The Ganges in fact swelled furiously a couple of months ago and overran its banks, which was noted only in passing because of the crippling floods in eastern Europe.

That is the real threat to life on this planet, not Saddam Hussein—who in any case looks like a convenient substitute for Osama bin Laden to revive the flagging American cause. A threat to human survival Washington not only has not addressed but has in fact helped to aggravate. The United States is the only major country that refuses to sign the Kyoto Protocol, which calls for a reduction of carbon emissions, deemed to be the major cause of global warming. Bush has stood adamantly by the American position, ignoring the Marrakech convention last year that formulated the rules to implement it. What is at stake here is nothing less than the survival of the planet. You do not need experts to see that.

You do not need inspectors to see that.

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Water paintings of Jose Honorato Lozano

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

AN IMPORTANT book depicting life in the Philippines in the middle of the 19th century, through watercolor paintings, will be launched this afternoon at the Filipinas Heritage Library in Makati.

For the first time, the full range of the watercolor works of Jose Honorato Lozano, a Filipino painter with lesser fame than Juan Luna or Felix Resurreccion Hidalgo, will be revealed in the book, "Jose Honorato Lozano: Filipinas 1847."

The book is written by Jose Maria A. Cariño, first secretary at the Philippine Embassy in Madrid, Spain, and an avid researcher and collector of 19th century Philippine art. The book is published by Ars Mundi, a non-profit organization, and is being launched with the sponsorship of Instituto Cervantes.

Lozano, who was born in 1821 in Sampaloc, Manila, never went overseas; but he is acclaimed as the "principal visual chronicler of mid-19th century Philippines." This was a period when the Philippines was opened to foreign trade which ushered in an era of prosperity and economic development. Lozano's works depict life in this period.

According to Cariño, the paintings not only "confirm the artist's distinction as an incomparable visual chronicler of daily life" in mid-19th century Philippines. "Aside from depicting various sceneries, people of various trades and the natural bounty of the land and the sea," Cariño writes, "Lozano also painted scenes from everyday life that tell a story."

The book has more than 283 pages with more than a hundred colored reproductions of Lozano's paintings whose range of subjects I have not seen painted by a single artist. Before I describe his works, as viewed by art authorities familiar with his works and the art form of the time, let me tell you that I have not seen his works in the collection of antiquarian shops in Madrid and in Singapore (Antiques of the Orient). The illustrations in the book are rare art treasures. This book is therefore a revelation not only of Lozano but also of the color and aspects of Filipino life in the mid-18th century from all levels of Filipino society. The book illustrates not only the life and times of the Filipino *principalia* and *ilustrado* class; it also depicts life among different ethnic and linguistic groups in the islands.

Lozano is considered a leading exponent of the art form called "letras y figuras." Santiago Pilar, an authority on 19th-century paintings, describe this form as "paintings on manila paper depicting vignettes of 19th-century Philippine life, ingeniously arranged, delineated and highlighted with color to form the letters spelling out a certain person's name. According to Pilar, Lozano's art represented "some of the most quaint and endlessly fascinating relics of Filipino culture in Spanish times."

It is even more remarkable that Lozano excelled in this art form even though he had never traveled or lived abroad. The art form traces its origin to European art in the Middle Ages. Lozano derived his models from religious books brought by the Spanish.

Cariño notes a strong influence of Chinese painting techniques in Lozano's works. "His dexterity in the use of watercolor and his attention to detail are strong indications that he may have been trained by Chinese painters or Filipino painters adept at Chinese painting techniques," according to Cariño.

Lozano's albums "cover the gamut of Philippine flora, fauna, architecture, music, native practices and local traditions," writes Cariño.

Lozano's works are rare because most of them were commissioned by foreigners to serve as souvenirs of their visit or stay in the Philippines. The albums were brought home where they were preserved but not exhibited in public museums.

To be sure, Lozano has his critics. An art critic of the Biblioteca National de Madrid described Lozano's works as "watercolors having no shade of artistic sentiment, but with Chinese-like exactitude and meticulousness." But the Spanish Rafael Diaz Arenas praised Lozano as an "artistic genius and a virtuoso in both oil and watercolor."

With the discovery and exposure of Lozano's albums in the hands of his patrons, the assessment of Diaz Arenas is being born out and the collections show that his contribution to Filipino art and culture goes beyond the "letras y figuras."

The book reproduces paintings from the Ayala Album, as well as from the albums of those who commissioned Lozano. Among them are the albums of Charles Mugford, William Pierce, Edward A. Westley, Francisco Garcia Ortiz, Balbino Mauricio, Diego Vina y Balbin, Francisco de Yrriarte, and Jose Feced y Temprado.

The costumes of Filipinos are full of color. One can see the evolution of the barong Pilipino through the paintings. The paintings show costumes of Filipinos from all walks of life. They depict Filipinos in their natural daily activity. There are 67 plates depicting buildings, including Malacañang Palace, the dominant architectural style, the *carinderia*, the monuments of Manila, the Pasig River, Plaza Mayor in front of the Manila Cathedral, Manila Bay, Chinese merchants, the Aduana, Binondo, Quiapo Church, cock fighting, Spanish soldiers in colorful (gala) uniforms, Spanish friars, students in colleges in uniform, a Filipino band, officials in their uniform, Filipinos playing *sipa*, a couple dancing the *"kundiman,"* a *"sacatero,"* fishermen, people pounding rice, the Ilocanos, the Igorots, and a hooded prisoner being escorted to the execution machine.

The book is a comprehensive kaleidoscopic view of Filipino life not seen in any other book. It should not be considered as a coffee-table book. While full of illustrations which are themselves pictorial historical evidence, the book has its strength in the text. The text, if documented with footnotes, makes it a serious source of historical reference.

Generational obligations

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IN THE JULY-September issue of "i The Investigative Reporting Magazine," published by the Center for Investigative Journalism, Elvira Mata writes poignantly of her relationship with her 88-year-old father who is going through the initial stages of Multi-infarct Dementia or MID.

The ailment is not as frightening as it sounds, as Mata describes it as a gradual deterioration of mental function due to "tiny, silent strokes…occurring in his brain, depriving it of oxygen, damaging the cells and taking away his memory of life and what he has done or said even a few minutes ago."

We Filipinos have a fairly innocuous term for it: *"ulyanin."* But if you're the one whose father is gradually losing his mental faculties, including not recognizing you or remembering your name, the experience must be trying, to say the least. And you must endure it day in, day out.

"By tradition, the aged in the Philippines and in most Asian countries enjoy a special place of honor," writes Mata. But as the proportion of our population of elderly, or "older persons," to use the politically correct term, increases, the pool of available caregivers seems to be shrinking. The family, the traditional "safety net" for social crises in our country, is being put under increasing economic and social pressure. Family members may now have less and less time, money, energy or willingness to take on social and familial obligations, including looking after members of previous generations.

"Growing economic pressures make it more burdensome for the family to care for its elderly members," adds Mata. "The rise in female labor force participation and a reduction in family size have reduced the availability of family caregivers. This is especially true in the Philippines, where most (maybe the word should be "many"—RJD) of the women work abroad as domestic helpers and more recently, as caregivers for the elderly in the United States, Canada and Europe."

This means, she says, that "the burden of economic support will therefore fall on fewer shoulders."

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BECAUSE culture and tradition dictate that in this country older people, especially the frail and ailing, be cared for by their children or grandchildren, the State feels only minimal obligation to provide for their needs. True, there is a law that provides for special discounts for senior citizens for medicines, restaurant meals, even public transportation. But the burden is borne largely by the private sector, and the discounts, while helpful, are minuscule.

Mata counts 21 institutional homes for the aged here, most of which are sponsored by NGOs. Golden Acres, managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, was built for a maximum capacity of 220, but is currently home to as many as 1,000 elderly.

For the most part the obligation of looking after aging spouses, parents and grandparents has fallen on the shoulders of women—wives (who may themselves have health problems), daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters, nieces or female caregivers. Mata quotes a study that found that "three-fourths of the elderly in six communities surveyed lived with women aged 15 to 59, indicating the availability of female caretakers."

But who cares for the caregivers? Who looks after their own physical and financial needs, and to whom can they turn when depressed or feeling the stress of round-the-clock care? If it "takes a village" to raise a child, perhaps it also takes a village to escort the older person through the twilight years.

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IT so happens that the country observes "Elderly Filipino Week" until Oct. 7. Spearheaded by the DSWD, the week-long celebration carries the theme "Nakatatanda: Ulirang Mamamayan, Kaakbay sa Pagsulong ng Bayan (The Elderly: Model Citizens, Partners in the Country's Progress)."

Among the legislation that the DSWD is pushing for passage in behalf of older persons is the "Magna Carta for Older Persons," that would "expand the programs and services" for this sector of the population. Among them: the establishment of a comprehensive long-term national program to empower older persons by giving them continued opportunities for employment, livelihood projects and access to formal and non-formal education and ensure social services such as health and housing which the older persons have been clamoring for."

A study made some years back on the Filipino elderly revealed that given a choice, older persons prefer to live independently, earning their own money, looking after themselves and living near (but not necessarily with) their children or other relatives. Older people deeply care about not being a burden or source of hardship for their children. Though some adult children might find the constant worry about their distant parents equally stressful.

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SO much of Filipino culture, it seems, is governed by gratitude, or more aptly, obligation. The assumption made that adult children will assume responsibility for their aging or ailing parents is based on the notion that children are "obliged" to pay back their parents for the years during which the parents raised them and worked to earn the money for their education and nurturing.

The notion finds its most extreme expression in the desire of many parents to have as many children as possible, the better to ensure that they will have at least one child left to look after them in their old age. This reduces parenthood, and filial loyalty, to a "transaction," an inter-generational chain of duty, obligation, guilt, expectation and resentment.

If we must break the chain, maybe we could start with making government take on at least part of the care of the older people among us.

Crash course on Japanese cultural history

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

MY participation in the Training Program for Young Leaders in Cultural Heritage Protection (Sept. 19 to Oct. 2, 2002) has given me an opportunity to understand Japanese history and culture more deeply than on my two previous visits—my first visit was 32 years ago to visit Expo 70 in Osaka, the second a short visit to Tokyo in 1978. Returning to Japan as an adult and as a representative of the Philippines, made this visit significant both on a personal and professional basis. It was funny, for example, to use a little Japanese I learned in the Philippines through texting—pretty/handsome (*kamukha ko*) and ugly (*kamukha mo*). *Oishi* may be a brand of *chichiria* in the Philippines but it means delicious in Japan.

Whenever and wherever I said it, brought smiles all around especially after octopus balls and beef *sashimi* that none of the other participants dared to try. *Hakone* is a scenic place in Japan known for its hot springs, I only knew it as a brand of canned sardines. Ginza and Shinjuku are Tokyo shopping districts and I only knew these two words in relation to a massage parlor and a place for noodles back home.

Naturally, the program was filled with daily visits to museums, historic sites and landmarks and though I knew very little Japanese or Japanese history, these gave me an idea of the way cultural property is managed in Japan. More importantly, the ensuing exchange of opinions with Japanese experts and cultural administrators, as well as the interaction with the other participants from 10 other Asia-Pacific countries in the program made me realize that although we do things differently, we can and should learn from each other since all of us shared the same concern for protection of cultural heritage.

After I gave a brief presentation on the Philippines and our heritage sites, I presumed I had bored everyone to death. I was pleasantly surprised by a question from the audience on the Rice Terraces. Visiting World Heritage Sites in Japan made me appreciate its ancient history and culture. Most of the listed World Heritage Sites in the Philippines (with the exception of the pre-colonial Rice Terraces) are Spanish colonial churches built from the 16th century onwards, thus, to see a number of 8th-century sites and structures in Nara alone was very inspiring.

These visits and comments by the other participants also broadened my view of heritage sites. It was important to know that aside from cultural or man-made structures, Unesco also recognizes natural heritage. In our discussions, much has been said about the dividing line between tangible and intangible heritage, as well as the inclusion of folk and modern expressions of culture. World Heritage Sites in Japan are not just the property and concern of Japan but of importance to the rest of the world. With this thought in mind, one realizes that all countries whether they are great or small, First World or Third World, new or ancient, all have heritage sites that contribute to common universal values. An appreciation of this will make people transcend cultures and be more open to mutual understanding.

Despite this crash course on Japanese cultural history, I couldn't help thinking of Jose Rizal and his trip to Japan in 1888. His impressions of Yokohama and Tokyo are quite fascinating even to me in 2002. He wrote his family describing Japanese houses as: "odd-looking like the little houses or cages of rabbits, very clean, with paper walls, white mats on the floor, lattices etc. etc. They make no noise, loud voices are not heard, they sit quietly in their stores. The Japanese women are short, stout, fair and their cheeks are red. Their hair is stiffer and thicker than ours, and I have seen few with good teeth. There are some who have big eyes. Some men are dressed in European style and they greatly resemble those from Biñan.

"Yedo or Tokyo is very big; they say it is bigger than Paris, it has a million inhabitants. Manila is more beautiful, but this is more imposing because of its somber edifices, of its streets and Cyclopean walls [whatever that means]."

In a letter to his friend, Ferdinand Blumentritt, he described the experience of being mistaken for a Japanese. There were few people who spoke English in Tokyo and he had better luck in Yokohama. Then as now the Japanese are not quite used to foreigners and Rizal was upset when children would laugh when they heard him speak a foreign language. Sometimes he was even mistaken for a Europeanized Japanese who pretended not to know his own language. Rizal got his revenge later when he was mistaken for a Japanese in a European museum and played the part well by "explaining" Japanese art to a group of gullible tourists. In his letter, Rizal even suggests that "Japanese women wear European shoes instead of the ugly and uncomfortable Japanese footwear. European shoes can harmonize perfectly with Japanese dress." If you have ever seen or tried the Japanese *"bakya,"* you will know exactly what Rizal meant. I nearly broke my neck trying to walk using these.

Rizal in 1888 traveled around Japan imbibing its culture and contrasting it with his own. I found myself in the same situation in 2002 and similarly experienced a meeting of two worlds. No wonder Rizal recommended travel as a way for Filipinos to expand their horizons.

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Don't get sick!

HIGH BLOOD

Mart R. del Rosario

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —**Ed.**

TIO Selmo, all of 92 when he passed on, had one simple advice to those aged sixtysomething who want to live a bit longer—"Don't get sick!" Which I thought was an inanity and just an amusing attempt by Tio Selmo to be cute.

"Of course, I'm not joking!" Tio Selmo thundered when I told him what I thought of his advice. And he proceeded to explain why those 60 and over should avoid getting sick. Those 60 and above, he said, do not have the recuperative powers of the young. They get easily ambushed by complications. Complications, Tio Selmo explained, are conditions doctors neither anticipate nor know how to handle when they develop.

Tio Selmo may have a point. But he misses the point entirely. Because whoever does not get sick, young, middle-aged or old?

Especially the old whose favorite vice, I suspect, next to getting into arguments with the household help, is getting sick. Yes, everybody gets sick.

One fine afternoon, on the way home from office, I felt a sudden stab of pain in my stomach. It was not an excruciating pain. It was an ache that gave me a lot of discomfort. Like my guts were being pushed upward. I urged the driver to get me home fast. I didn't have to pretend to be in agony as I always do when I am sick to get extra sympathy and pampering from the wife—I was truly, honestly, feeling lousy. The wife felt both my cheeks. You have fever, she pronounced, and proceeded to bombard me with paracetamol. "But it's the stomach that's giving me a problem," I protested. "I know, but you've got fever and that problem has to be addressed," she said, trying to sound like a *doktora*, which she isn't.

I was tucked in bed. And ministrations of my aching stomach began.

A niece phoned from Bulacan. "*Naalimoom ka* (You have taken in gas), drink two glasses of boiled acacia leaves," she advised. "*Tanggal agad ang sakit na 'yan.*"

The driver was dispatched to gather acacia leaves. He reluctantly obeyed, grumbling as he went, "*Paano ako makakaakyat sa* acacia *sa dilim na 'to?*"

The family *lavandera* was sure she got a fix on my ailment. "*Lamig 'yan, sir*" she ruled. "This can be remedied by rubbing on your stomach a mixture of crushed ginger and garlic." "Okay, let's do it," I told the *lavandera*. The wife looked skeptical. "What have I got to lose?" I said, winking at her.

Marco, our young boy, also weighed in. He suggested a more sweeping all-or-nothing approach on my aching tummy. "Let us bring you to one of the televangelists you always watch. They cure cancer, hypertension, asthma and all other sicknesses known to man. Curing your stomach ache would be piece of cake for any of them." I reached out and twisted his ears.

More "informal" medical ministrations came the next morning. An elder sister, informed of my condition by my niece, came to visit from Bulacan, towing with her Ka Pinong, our village *albularyo*.

"Baka namatanda ka" Ka Pinong concluded after feeling my pulse. What he meant was an old dwarfish creature who lives in a *punso* or giant termite mound whom I somehow displeased, was causing my stomach ache.

I did remember having taken a leak on a huge mound at the golf course the last time I played. "Here," he said, "let me take care of that." He spat on both his palms and mumbling some Latin words, rubbed his spittle on my abdomen. I nearly passed out.

Ka Pinong was not done yet. Like a true medical practitioner, he volunteered a second opinion. "*Maaari ding nakulam ka*," he said. I looked pleadingly at my sister. "Here, let me try my *pangkontra*," he said. He rubbed both his hands on his armpits…I cringed in horror when it dawned on me what he intended to do with the dead cells he scraped from his armpits. I jumped out of bed and fled to the bathroom, pretending my colon was acting up.

The driver sent to gather acacia leaves came back empty-handed from two foraging expeditions. But he had his own advice on how to deal with my condition. "Sir," he said, "I think *hindi lang kayo natunawan*. Why don't you try Ernie Baron's all-purpose remedy for all sorts of health problems like indigestion? Try the cleansing diet." "Yeah, I really got indigestion because there's nothing to digest. I've not eaten in two days," I snapped, fed up with all the conflicting readings of my stomach's condition.

Mercifully, the wife decided she had seen and heard enough. She was taking me, she said, to the hospital.

"Hospital? For a simple stomachache?" I protested. "What if it's appendicitis? What if it's a prelude to heart attack?" The wife's idea of putting things in perspective has always been to overstate and exaggerate. A hospital was the last place I'd wish to go in my condition. The stories of three friends were still fresh in my memory.

The first, a compadre, checked in a hospital complaining also of a severe stomach pain. Suspecting gallstones, the doctors operated on him and discovered massive stomach cancer. He was gone after a week.

The second was rushed to the hospital for dizziness and difficulty in breathing. Doctors found his arteries hopelessly clogged. He gave up his ghost weeks later after an emergency surgery.

The third, my tailor-friend Nenong was luckier. He survived a month-long stay in the ICU. But he nearly croaked himself after he was shown his bill.

"I am not going to no hospital," I said, pulling up the blanket over my head. "But you are," the wife cooed. End of argument.

At the hospital emergency room, a relay of nurses and doctors took my blood pressure, poked at my stomach, took my temperature, thumped my stomach, attached me to an ECG machine, squeezed my stomach—all these and more amid a stream of chatter: "Do you feel dizzy?" "Do you feel like vomiting?" "Do you feel pain also in your chest?" "Do you smoke?" "Do you drink?"

After about two hours of testing and grilling, one of the doctors came over and cheerily announced: "Good news, Tatay! Your stomachache *po* is not heart-related. That means, you are not about to have an attack." "And what's causing my stomach to ache so?" I asked. "That, we'll have to find out yet. But offhand, I think it's constipation because of which you store loads of gas in your stomach." He scribbled out a prescription. "You take this pill after every meal. And try to fart as often as you can manage. You don't need confinement."

The wife was upbeat when we got home from the hospital. So was I. My stomach ache, successively diagnosed as *alimoom*, *lamig*, dwarf's hex, *kulam*, indigestion and finally constipation, inexplicably all but disappeared.

Marco as usual was trying to squeeze some humor—at my expense, of course—out of my near-hospital confinement.

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What a lawyer should be

A LAWYER should aim to be right rather than correct. There are clients who try to conceal their faults and tell only their side of the story. In such cases it is better for the lawyer to impress upon the clients the purpose of the law, which is to serve the ends of justice. Hopefully, they would know in their hearts that they realize they cannot hide behind the legal expertise of their lawyer.

It is the duty of a lawyer to educate his client on the finer points of the law, not to fight for what is wrong, and certainly not in a court of justice.

But then there are cases where clients are legally wrong, yet they have a valid reason to feel aggrieved. One good example are those who, because of extreme financial needs, have taken out a loan with usurious interest rates. Now, an inordinately high interest rate is immoral, but it is legal and it can be enforced. It is so because interest rates are no longer regulated. Here, the lawyer must take the cudgels for his clients and petition the court to mitigate the interest rates, if not to nullify the whole transaction.

Then there are cases where clients have been driven to take the law into their own hands in response to an injustice repeatedly committed against them. It appears that they are wrong, but they stand on a high moral ground. They acted the way they did because their patience had been exhausted. In such cases the lawyer should do everything in his power to defend the clients, not to justify the crime but to explain the action.

Lawyers must be advocates instead of mercenaries. That they receive fees does not make their calling less of a profession. When a client runs to him asking for legal assistance, a lawyer must look into the moral as well as the legal aspect of the case.

Some laws have already lost their moral justification. One of them is the bouncing checks law. The law, enacted to protect the integrity of the banking system, is often used for another purpose: to ensure payment of debts. A creditor is justified to collect the money owed to him, but it is wrong for him to use the law against the debtor when he himself, at the time of the transaction, knew that the debtor did not have the funds in the bank. He was thus an active participant, as inducer in the commission of the offense.

It is good that the Supreme Court adheres less to the maxim *dura lex sed lex* and more to the belief that the end of law is justice, fairness and equity.

There are laws that have become instruments of injustice despite the good intentions that attended their enactment. And lawyers could do well by perusing decisions of the Supreme Court, which touch upon such laws, and there are quite a few. The ultimate purpose is to work for the revision or repeal of laws that create imbalance in society.

The main function of lawyers is to restore order and strengthen faith in law. Lawyers must therefore endeavor to do justice to all men, rather than just win a case for their clients. It is a function that must be inculcated in the minds of lawyers, and the process must start with law students.

If the lawyers are raised in this outlook, society would be less confrontational and litigious.

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Why single out Iraq?

LET us assume, for the sake of argument, that Iraq indeed is in possession of weapons of mass destruction, then it is only right that the United States and the world at large should insist on their destruction.

But why single out Iraq? Why not the United Kingdom too? France, China, Russia, Pakistan, India? Yes, even Israel, Iran and North Korea whom everybody suspects possess nuclear weapons. Indeed, why not the United States that has the biggest stockpile of weapons of mass destruction?

Is it because the United States has branded Iraq as a rogue state? Because she is a member of what President Bush calls the "Axis of Evil"? But then, wasn't Saddam a friend of the United States when he was fighting Iran?

Saddam is accused of, among other things, being a threat to countries in the Gulf area, especially after he attacked Kuwait in 1991. But history shows that those countries in possession of weapons of mass destruction have at one time or another violated the territorial integrity and sovereignty of other countries.

And lest we forget, the United States is the only country that has used a weapon of mass destruction. Remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki? In this regard, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has already hinted that where conventional/smart bombs fail to destroy deep bunkers where suspected Iraqi weapons of mass destruction are hidden, "nuking" them will do the trick.

Very disturbing indeed.

Disarmament should be everyone's concern and objective, especially those nuclear powers that now call on Iraq to disarm.

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Anti-terrorist bill to abet rebellion

THE PROPOSED Anti-Terrorism Act is a draconian measure that seeks to address a problem which hardly affects the Filipino people today. The problem is terrorism, which has become the obsession of US President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and National Security Adviser Rice.

Thinking Americans are more concerned with America's USA Patriot Act, which an increasing number equate with fascism. The American cousins across the Atlantic (in Britain, Italy and France) are demonstrating against Bush's latest anti-terror project: regime change in Iraq. The Germans have just reelected the Social Democrats for standing firm against Bush on the Iraq issue.

As the late Claro M. Recto once observed, we Filipinos must be "a strange nation." The central problems gripping the nation are poverty and injustice, but not one of our leaders—from top to bottom—has come up with genuine measures to confront them. Our so-called leaders are falling over each other to please Bush.

The truth is that the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act will simply abet insurgency, like martial law under Marcos did. Just like the US Patriot Act, it will repress dissent and criticism as poverty and injustice further worsen. It will keep only one door open to the people: the door to rebellion. If workers declare a strike and, as often happens, the strike is declared illegal, the strike immediately becomes an "act of terrorism" under Section 5 of the bill, punishable by "life imprisonment to death." In fact, under the proposed measure, even writing a letter to the editor (critical of the corrupt and treason-addicted status quo) can be be construed as an act of terrorism. It will manufacture rebels a thousand times faster than Bayani Fernando's fascist campaign against sidewalk vendors.

In effect, authors of the Anti-Terrorism Act are unwitting abettors of rebellion.

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Unfair to the Boy Scouts

THIS concerns a news story last Sept. 12, headlined "Probe of abuses of Boy Scouts urged."

The story has caused so much anxiety not only to the Scout leaders of the Zamboanga City Council, but to some parents and scouts in the city. It also put the name of the entire organization in a bad light.

The report came out at a bad tine as we are in the midst of a campaign to increase our membership. And while there could be an incident of abuse in the council as stated in the report, we deem it unfair for the writer not to get the other side of the story before it was published. What made it worse was that, while the alleged incident took place in 2000, the writer made it appear that there are ongoing acts of impropriety in scouting.

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NHMFC was never bankrupt

THIS is to clarify certain issues raised in the column of Honesto C. General last Sept. 23, titled "How shaky is the SSS?" General reported a P17.4-billion drop in the assets of the Social Security System in 2001, the first time in 40 years. He said that among the causes for the reported loss is that "the SSS groans under P40-billion worth of low-cost housing loans."

He went on to say, "Of this amount, a P30-billion balance was lent to the National Home Mortgage Finance Corp., another government firm that had gone bankrupt twice."

In this regard, we wish to report that the NHMFC has remitted to the SSS a total of P26.55 billion as of July 31, 2002. This proves that the NHMFC continues to honor its obligations, despite the distressed economic situation of housing loan beneficiaries.

The NHMFC, which has been operating on less than a 2 percent margin, per a loan agreement with the SSS, in relending the borrowed amount as housing loans to SSS members, at times is cash-strapped because of the low margins allowed. But definitely, it has never been declared bankrupt.

The possibility that the SSS will suffer losses from its investments in the NHMFC, which are solidly secured by real estate mortgages of SSS members, is highly unlikely, since real estate collaterals appreciate over time. Even delinquent mortgages can be recovered by way of foreclosure.

More importantly, the SSS loan to the NHMFC went to the direct benefit of SSS members which cannot be said of equity or stock investments.

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Reply to bulk water-metering complaints

THANK you for Corazon Concepcion's insights on the basic water services provided by the Manila Water Co.

The issue of bulk-metering in several subdivisions in Metro Manila has been tackled extensively in the recent House committee hearings on privatization, and is currently one of the subjects of the ongoing rate rebasing exercise between the MWSS Regulatory Office and the two concessionaires, Maynilad and Manila Water.

Concepcion and her colleagues have always been in the forefront of these discussions and consultations. On several occasions in the past, they have met personally with Manila Water representatives, including Manila Water president Antonio T. Aquino. They have also been present in all the hearings of the said House committee, and have been in touch on a regular basis with MWSS Regulatory Office officials to air their grievances and analyze possible solutions to the issue of bulk-metered subdivisions.

As explained to them then and now, Manila Water cannot legally accede at this point in time to Concepcion's request as this would have a major cost implication for all Manila Water customers in the East Zone, and thus would require a tripartite decision.

Manila Water's stand (and we have been forthright about this to Concepcion, to the House committee and to the MWSS Regulatory Office) is that bulk-metering has been an MWSS practice even prior to this agency's privatization in 1997, and that the concession agreement provides for bulk-metering, and thus, has been the basis for the concessionaires' bid in the tariff schedule of the MWSS privatization.

Manila Water awaits—and will abide by—the rate rebasing decision of the MWSS Regulatory Office, which will be implemented in January 2003.

Meanwhile, Manila Water will continue its customer service thrust to the bulk-metered subdivisions by offering leak detection, meter reading and calibration, and bill collection services when and where they are needed.

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What do you think about the Jimenez extradition?

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OUR honorable congressmen are ready to defend their fellow congressman, Mark Jimenez, in case the Department of Justice has him arrested. Are they doing right by the people they represent? It's so obvious that they're just trying to protect their own. I hope the INQUIRER will list the names of those who supported the resolution so we'd know whom not to vote for next time. They are willing to go out of their way to protect one of their own but they cannot even give the overseas Filipino workers their right to vote.—**kotongus**

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Don't you know that these reptiles have thick skins and are not embarrassed to have criminals, rapists and murderers in their pond? I hope the Supreme Court won't give in to these crooks like what happened to Romeo Jalosjos (remember that some congressmen tried to defend Jalosjos, too).—**hilongtalilong**

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At least the sidewalk vendors want their violation of laws condoned because they "paid." But these congressmen are really "*swapang*," they are the ones "paid" to protect a violator of the law.—**macapili**

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How dare this fellow equate his deliberate attempt to hide under the skirt of parliamentary immunity from arrest in order to evade being sanctioned for the criminal misdeeds he committed in another country as allegedly a violation of his right to due process!

Due process simply means the right of an individual to notice and to be heard. The fact is, he has already been afforded every opportunity to present his side and evidence, and yet all his arguments were found without merit. So, where's the lack of due process there?

The truth is, if he is really not guilty of anything, he should be the first to come forward and declare that the cases should be tried posthaste so that his innocence can be established. But it appears he is unwilling to face the truth probably because he knows he is really guilty of the offenses for which he is charged and that's why he is vehemently fighting extradition.

And he has the gall to declare that our government cannot protect him. Didn't he run for election as congressman precisely because he wanted better leverage to defeat any attempt to send him back to the United States? And now he is complaining that his congressional district will be deprived of congressional representation once he is extradited. What a lot of crap! Worse, his fellow congressmen with the herd mentality have come to his succor by threatening a so-called constitutional crisis upon his arrest. Over what? For affording refuge and safe haven to a miscreant?

It isn't surprising that Mark Jimenez would seek refuge in our own House of Representatives. At first, his extradition was delayed numerous times during the Estrada administration due to the fact that he was a major contributor during the 1998 election. Now his extradition will be delayed again, thanks to the people in Congress. Why? Maybe because he's an ace to be used against Erap; second, he may be vital for future mud-slinging operations against the opposition, and third, he could be a vital contributor for President Macapagal-Arroyo's candidacy for the next election.—**toots perez**

What the people ought to do

"WE'LL arrest those who'll arrest Mark," was the INQUIRER 's banner headline on Sept. 30, 2002. The lawmakers say the House of Representatives will cite in contempt anyone who will arrest Rep. Mark Jimenez.

I hope these lawmakers are just kidding, knowing who Jimenez is, a fugitive from the law before he became an "honorable," who won a seat in the House (how? His constituents would know), not using his real Mario Crespo name so he can clothe himself with the immunity of the "honorable" and evade the long arm of the law in the refuge of his "honorable" colleagues in the House.

It happens only in the Philippines that a nation's legislature harbors criminals and allows itself to be a refuge of a fugitive from the law. I cannot imagine our legislators attending international parliamentary conferences with a straight face.

It is high time for the executive branch to act decisively, and with a Philippine National Police contingent, go to the Batasan and serve the warrant on Jimenez. And if they are cited for contempt by the lawmakers, the law enforcement contingent should demand and produce the person of alias Mark Jimenez. Failing that, close the Batasan, get a court order to arrest those responsible for harboring and giving refuge to a fugitive of the law and march away these supposed servants of the people. Let us teach them a lesson that they would never forget and repeat (if they get to be elected again).

Let us not be threatened by the bogey of a constitutional crisis. It is only a figment in the minds of the lawmakers to scare the people. The Supreme Court should stand pat on its decision. The executive branch should now facilitate the arrest and forthwith ship Jimenez for his day in court.

We are, indeed, a sorry people allowing fugitives from the law—prisoners, convicts, drug lords, neuro-psychiatric and other crazy people—to be elected and elevated as lawmakers and other government officials through our polluted brand of democracy, the use of guns, goons and gold, threats and vote-buying. And to top it all, comes the main enforcer of the election law unashamedly proclaiming with pride, "the people have spoken. The election was 'honest,' 'orderly' and 'peaceful.'"

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GMA-7 news crew released

JOLO, Sulu—A GMA-7 television news reporter and an assistant cameraman who were kidnapped almost a week ago on this island were freed last night into the custody of local officials.

Reporter Carlo Lorenzo and assistant cameraman Gilbert Ordiales were turned over to Sulu Gov. Yusop Jikiri at 9:30 p.m. in Indanan town after negotiations facilitated by local officials.

The two were kidnapped on Saturday after going to interview a former Muslim separatist guerrilla leader.

Their abductors were not arrested and there was no violence involved in their release, the two journalists said. The conditions for the release were not disclosed.

The two were covering a military offensive against the Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group and other Muslim outlaw groups on Jolo when they were abducted.

Earlier, Jikiri said the kidnappers were demanding P7 million for their freedom but he insisted that paying ransom would only encourage more kidnappings.

In Zamboanga City, another explosion occurred in the wake of Wednesday night's bombing outside a karaoke bar that killed an American soldier and two Filipinos.

Yesterday's blast reportedly occurred outside a Christian church, but witnesses said it was caused by a hand grenade that exploded while unidentified persons were playing with it. No injuries were reported.

In a statement, GMA Network thanked Malacanang, the military and national police and the Sulu government for being "instrumental in securing the duo's release."

"We also thank our colleagues in media and all those who offered their help and prayers," said GMA vice president for news and public affairs Marissa Flores. *With an AFP report*

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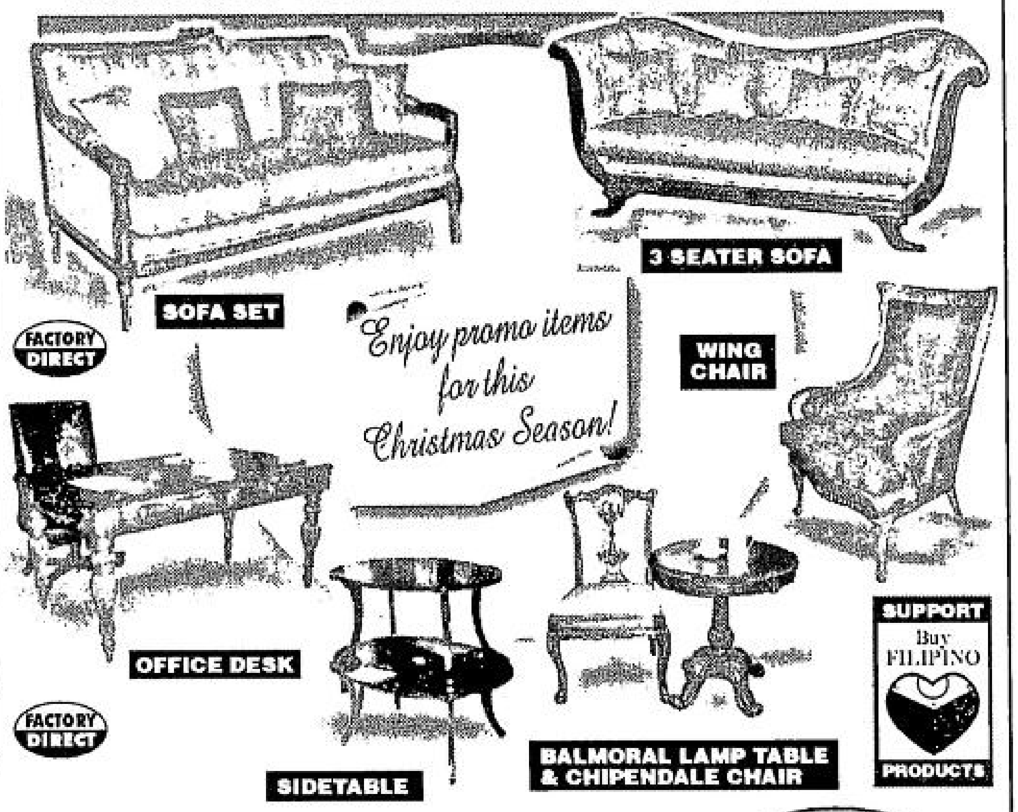
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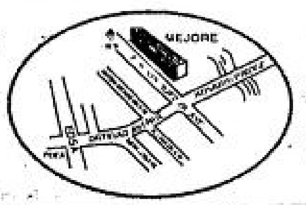

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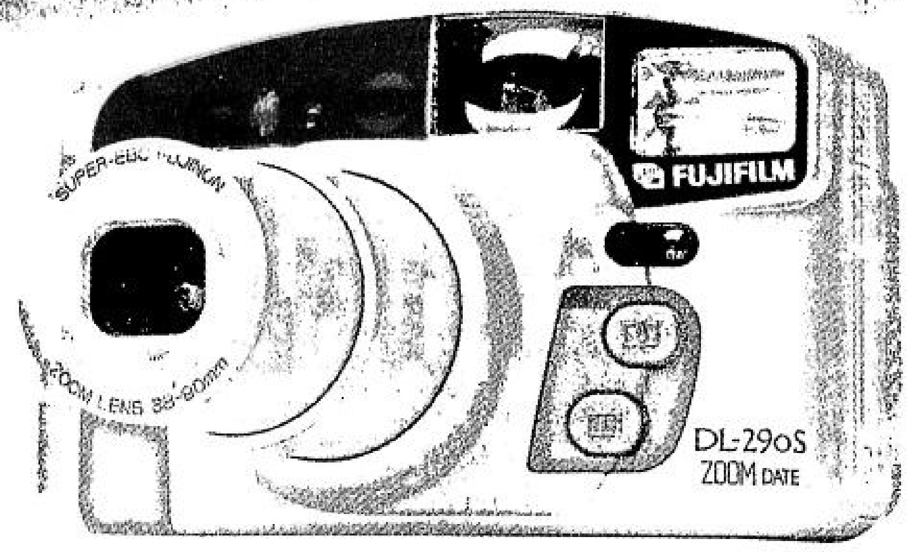

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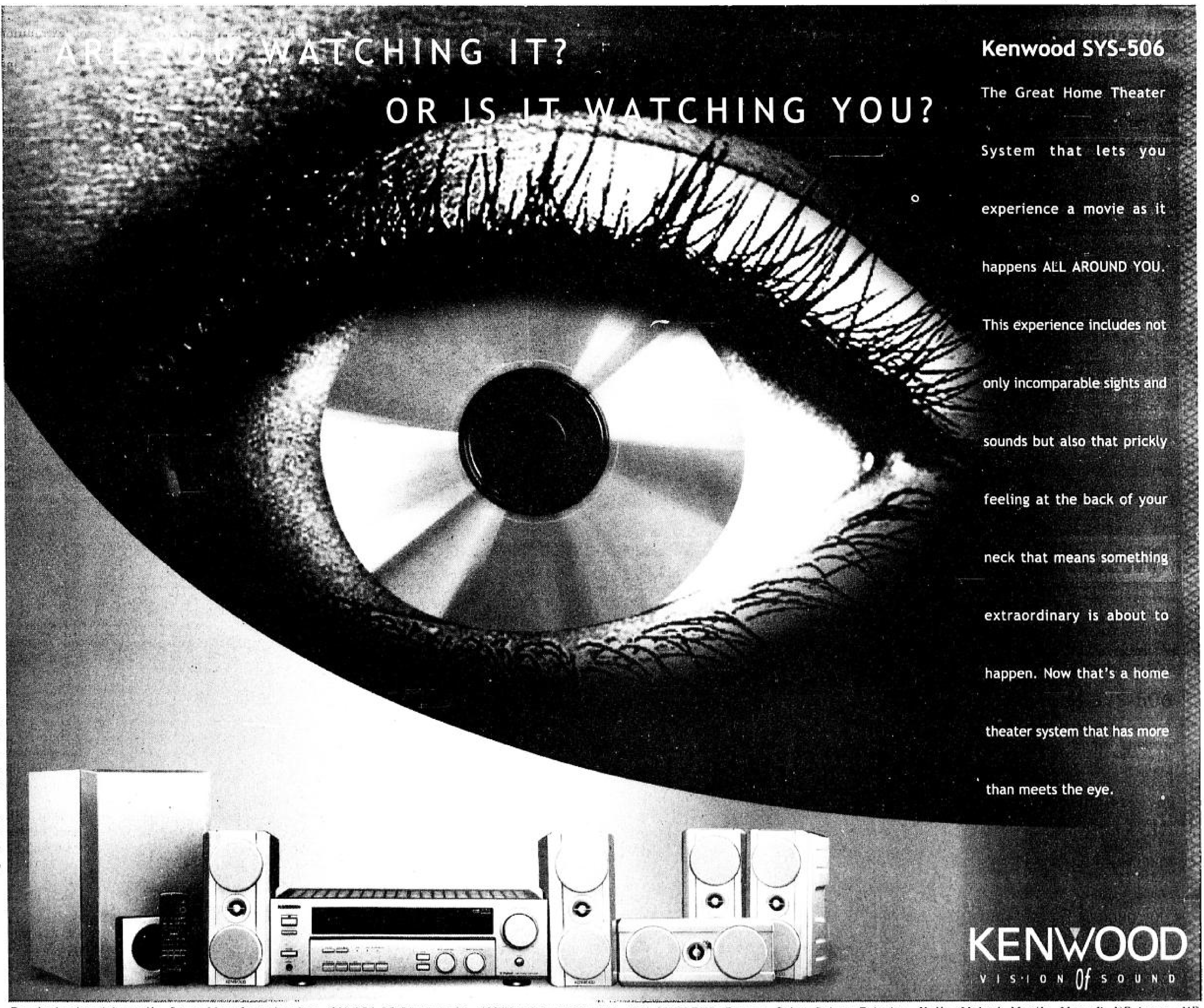

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US anti-Iraq drive backed by House, opposed at UN

UNITED NATIONS—US President George W. Bush won domestic endorsement of his anti-Iraq campaign on Wednesday but faced stiff opposition at the United Nations to a draft resolution paving the way for possible war.

Diplomats at the United Nations said France, one of five permanent Security Council members with veto power, had threatened to push its own resolution on Iraq if Washington introduced its current tough proposals without any compromise.

In Paris, President Jacques Chirac and visiting German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said there was much common ground between their positions on Iraq, which contrast starkly with the intervention advocated by Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Canada hardened its line against a unilateral US strike on Iraq, saying Washington had no right to take action that could destabilize large parts of the world.

But Moscow, also a Security Council veto holder, signaled a slight shift toward Washington when Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said he would consider backing new UN resolutions if UN weapons inspectors needed them.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz repeated Baghdad's rejection of the US draft resolution, which demands Iraq open every inch of its territory to inspectors or face swift attack.

"This proposal of the United States is unacceptable, not only by Iraq, it's unacceptable by the Security Council because there is no need for a new resolution," Aziz told a news conference in Turkey, which borders Iraq.

After talks with chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix and other UN officials in Vienna, Iraq agreed on Tuesday to let arms inspectors back under existing UN agreements.

Washington was quick to reject any resumption of inspections before a new Security Council resolution is in place, saying the old conditions were too weak.

Bush and leaders of the US House of Representatives closed ranks on Wednesday behind the possible use of military force.

BUSH

Leaders of both parties in the Republican-controlled House agreed on a draft resolution that would allow Bush to use force

"as he determines to be necessary and appropriate" to defend US national security and enforce all relevant UN Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq.

"The moment of truth has arrived for Saddam Hussein," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Democrat and an enthusiastic proponent of a possible US first strike.

"In Baghdad, the regime will know that full compliance with all UN Security (Council) demands is the only choice, and the time remaining for that choice is limited," Bush said in the White House Rose Garden, flanked by members of both parties.

But a key Security Council diplomat said France wanted some of the "wilder" provisions taken out of the new US text before it is formally introduced.

Otherwise, France would circulate rival proposals for a two-stage approach, the first offering Iraq a chance to cooperate but saying the council would consider "any measure" if Baghdad failed to comply with its obligations. The second resolution would threaten force if necessary.

The Bush administration has hesitated in introducing to the 15-member council its draft resolution, which allows a UN member, such as itself, to determine if Iraq has violated UN demands and follow up with military action.

In Paris, Chirac reaffirmed that France would reject now any resolution seen paving the way for possible military action but kept its options open if Baghdad ultimately blocked arms inspections.

"We are totally opposed to any resolution that gave as of now an automatic character to military intervention," Chirac said. *Reuters*

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TOUGH KID

This undated police handout photo given by the family shows three-year-old French girl, Jeanne Chavance. Chavance was found alive and well, Oct. 3, after a night on a freezing mountain and a dramatic overnight search in the middle of the North Island.

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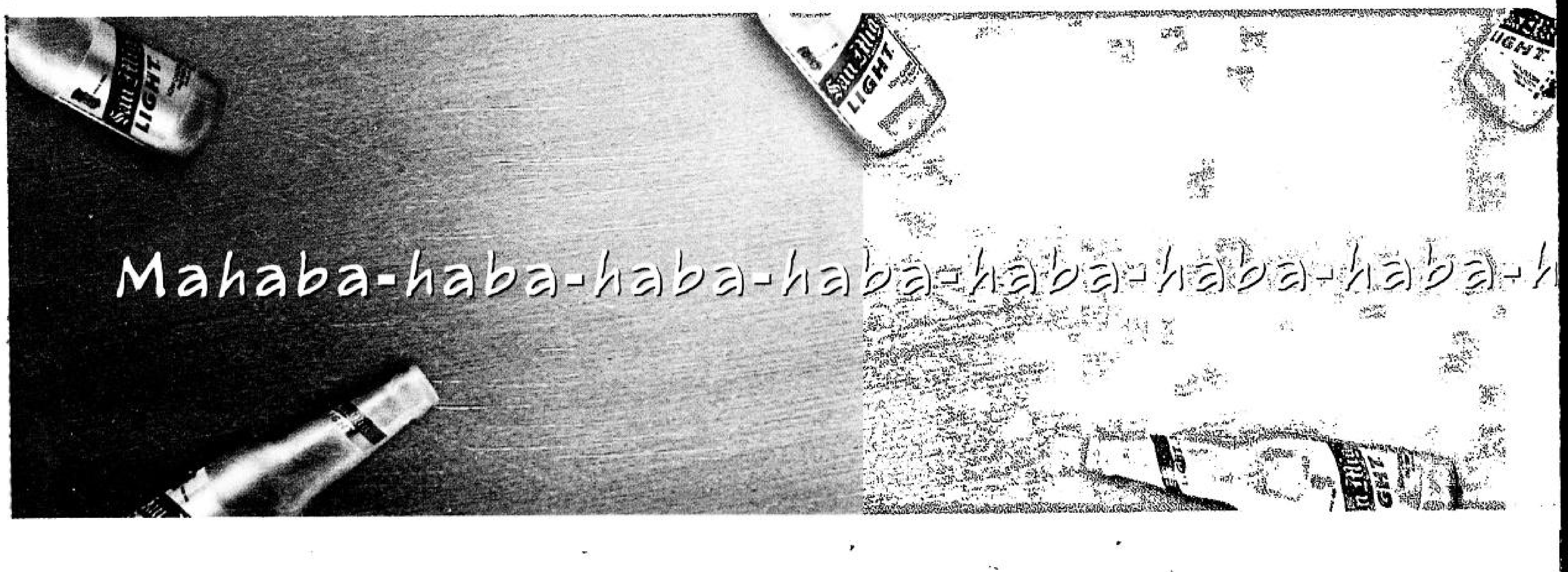
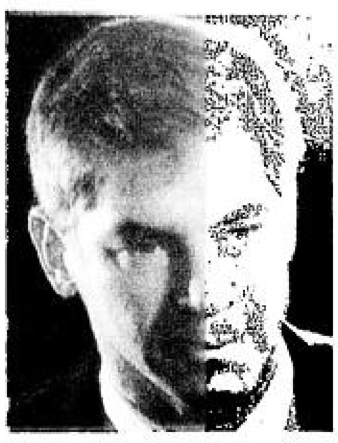


Ex-Enron finance chief cuffed after being charged with fraud


FASTOW

HOUSTON, Texas—US authorities on Wednesday charged former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow with fraud and money laundering on Wednesday in the latest stage of the official clampdown on corporate scandals.

The 40-year-old Fastow was led handcuffed into the Houston court by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officers to face charges against him, alleging that he and other officials manipulated Enron accounts to make it look more attractive and then profited from the inflated share price.

Since the multinational firm's multibillion-dollar collapse last December, Fastow has been the focus of investigations by the US Congress, Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission.

And the Justice Department made clear its aim to get tough on corporate fraud and corruption.

"Our strategy is straightforward. We aim to put the bad guys in prison and take away their money," Deputy US Attorney General Larry Thompson, the head of a presidential Corporate Fraud Task Force, told a Washington press conference to announce the charges.

Fastow faces criminal charges of securities fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, money laundering and conspiracy in connection with Enron's collapse, as well as a civil suit to retrieve profits from share dealings.

He was expected to be released on a five million dollar bond after meeting conditions set by a federal judge.

Among those conditions was that Fastow turn over the deeds to property including the home that he lives in and the house where his parents live.

The criminal complaint unsealed in the Houston court said Fastow and others devised a scheme to defraud Enron and its shareholders by setting up secret companies—called Special Purpose Entities (SPEs)—to hide debt and make Enron look more attractive to investment analysts and credit rating agencies.

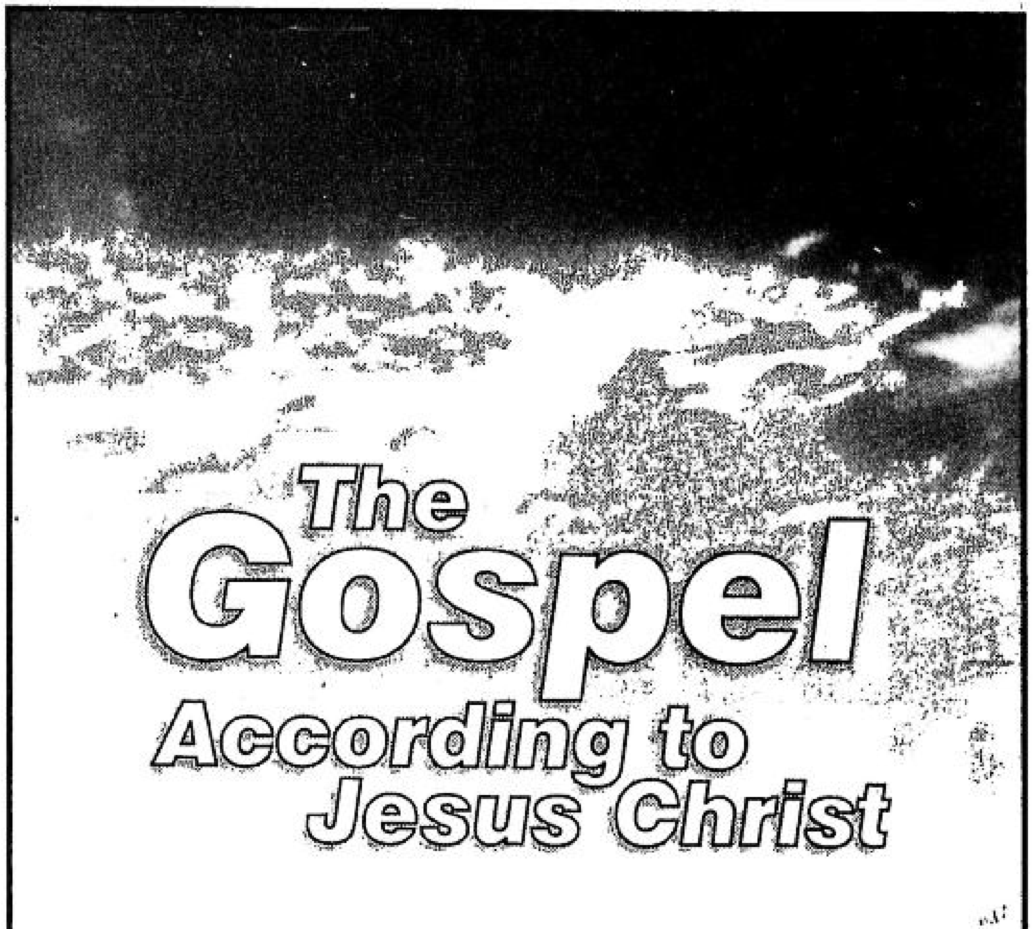
The charge said that Fastow and others at Enron used the SPEs to manipulate Enron's financial results and enrich themselves at Enron's expense.

The Justice Department said that "Enron at least once enlisted a major financial institution to assist in its financial statement manipulation." Fastow, who somberly waited outside the court dressed in a gray suit and red tie, has not entered a plea. But his attorney, John Keker, said in a statement: "Now that he is charged, Andy Fastow welcomes the opportunity to prove the truth about Enron.

"The truth is simple. Enron hired Andy to arrange off-balance-sheet financing. Enron's board of directors, its CEO and its chairman directed and praised his work. Accountants and lawyers reviewed and approved his work." Keker added that for the past year "Andy Fastow's former colleagues have denied their own responsibility, whispered false rumors and often outright lied to discredit him. We will confront the gossip and lies in a courtroom—not in the press."

Prosecutor Andrew Weissmann said there would be a swift trial. Asked whether others would be prosecuted, he merely replied: "We are not finished with the Enron investigation." If convicted on all charges, Fastow could face a maximum of 140 years in prison, according to Weissmann.

US prosecutors said separately they were seeking the extradition of three former officials of British-based National Westminster Bank over Enron's collapse. *AFP*



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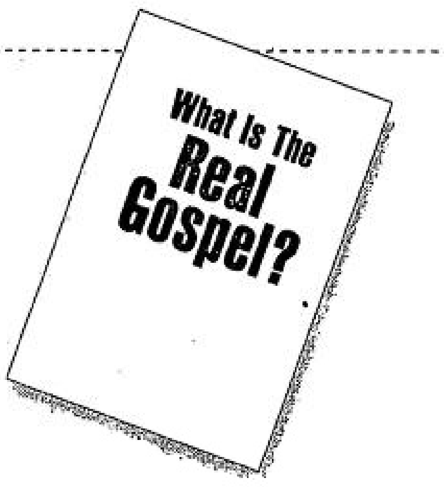

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Ex-Bosnian Serb leader admits war crimes

PLAVSIC

THE HAGUE—Former Bosnian Serb president Biljana Plavsic, indicted for crimes including genocide, changed her plea on Wednesday to guilty on one count and judges said other charges would be dropped.

In what her lawyers called a move "expressing her remorse fully and unconditionally", Plavsic admitted persecutions on political or religious grounds, a crime against humanity, one of eight counts against the former hardline Serb nationalist.

"The prosecution will withdraw or have dismissed the remaining counts at the time of sentencing," Presiding Judge Richard May said during a brief hearing unexpectedly announced earlier on Wednesday.

Plavsic, a leader of Bosnia's Serbs during the 1992-5 Bosnian war and once dubbed the Iron Lady, initially pleaded innocent to genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes after surrendering to the UN court in January 2001.

Dressed in a lavender suit, the 72-year-old former biology professor spoke to the Hague war crimes tribunal by video link from the Balkans, where she is on provisional release.

Plavsic had made no deal with prosecutors on sentencing or to testify at other Hague trials, her lawyers said.

"By accepting responsibility and expressing her remorse fully and unconditionally, Mrs Plavsic hopes to offer some consolation to the innocent victims—Muslim, Croat and Serb—of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina," defense lawyer Eugene O'Sullivan told reporters after the hearing.

May said he was satisfied Plavsic, who cooperated with prosecutors after her surrender, had made her new plea freely and voluntarily, and set the sentencing hearing for December 16-17.

Plavsic can remain on release until then but must attend the Hague tribunal for sentencing, May said, adding: "The fact we have extended provisional release is not to be taken as any indication as to a sentence to be passed."

The prosecution welcomed the move.

"We acknowledge this as an unprecedented and courageous decision," prosecution spokesperson Florence Hartmann said. "It's a very important step in the process of reconciliation."

Though UN prosecutors say they do not make plea deals, Plavsic's surrender last year sparked talk that she had received guarantees in return for turning herself in and testifying against other former Bosnian Serb leaders.

After the transfer of former Serbian and Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic to The Hague in June 2001, speculation began that Plavsic might testify against him too. *Reuters*

European Parliament to forge closer relations with Taiwan

THE EUROPEAN Parliament wants to forge closer ties with Taiwan as part of a comprehensive approach to strengthening partnership between Europe and Asia, according to the official report of European Parliament's committee on foreign affairs, human rights, common security and defense policy.

The EP stance is expected to meet strong objection from mainland China, which refuses to recognize the sovereignty of Taiwan and has campaigned to isolate the island-nation from the international community.

The report noted that Taiwan was the 13th largest trading partner of the EU, and that Taipei had expressed willingness to have closer ties with the EU.

The report welcomed the recent accession of both China and Taiwan to the World Trade Organization and called on the EU to initiate the process of negotiation that would lead to an EU-Taiwan free trade management.

The report urged the EU to find ways to include Taiwan, India and other Asian countries in the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) to help foster economic growth and democracy in the region.

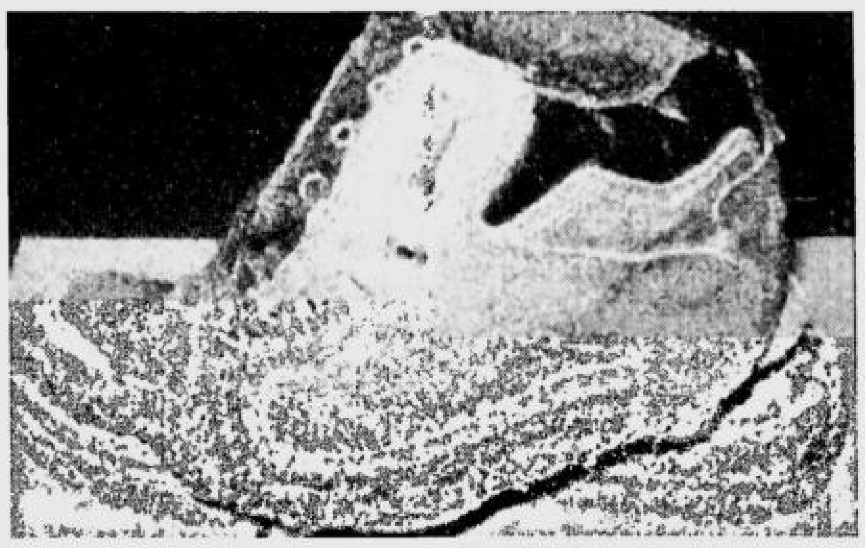
The European Parliament also took note of the democratization in a number of Asian countries, in particular the importance of the democratic process and the results of the December 2001 parliamentary elections in Taiwan, and emphasized that a peaceful resolution between Taiwan and China is crucial if political and economic stability in the region are to be maintained.

The European Parliament report recommended that "the political pillar of the ASEM process should include a comprehensive approach on conflict prevention and peacekeeping" that should support a political dialogue between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan.

The European Parliament also expressed its "concern at the arms build-up between China and Taiwan" and urged both sides to "de-escalate the arms build-up, and in particular for China to withdraw missiles in the coastal provinces across the Taiwan Straits."

Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian has likened the 400 missiles directly aimed at Taiwan as "sticking the barrel of a gun to our neck" and said the missile deployment by China poses a very serious military threat to the entire Asia-Pacific region.

'Shoe-bomber' offers to plead guilty to charges


US government evidence photo obtained by ABC News shows the shoes worn by alleged bomber Richard Reid accused of trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives hidden in his shoes. AP

BOSTON—Accused shoe-bomber Richard Reid offered on Wednesday to plead guilty to all criminal charges against him if the government would withdraw accusations that he received training from the al-Qaida terror network.

Prosecutors immediately rejected the request and said they had reached no plea deal with Reid, casting doubt on whether the Briton's offer would go through.

Lawyers for Reid said he intended to plead guilty to eight charges stemming from the mid-air drama last December when he allegedly tried to ignite explosives stuffed in his shoes while on a trans-Atlantic flight.

"He has no disagreement with the facts asserted in the charges about his actions on Dec. 22, 2001. He wants to avoid the publicity associated with a trial and the negative impact it is likely to have upon his family," his lawyers said in a statement.

But in a court filing, Reid's lawyers also asked a federal judge to strike two paragraphs from the indictment that allege he received training from al-Qaida, blamed for the Sept. 11 hijacked plane attacks that killed some 3,000 people.

US Attorney General John Ashcroft had previously labeled Reid an "al-Qaida-trained terrorist" but declined to say if Reid had acted alone or on the network's orders.

On Wednesday, Ashcroft said Reid was free to plead guilty to criminal charges but that the government would not back down from all its allegations against him.

"The Justice Department has not entered into any plea agreement with Reid. The Justice Department stands by each and every allegation in the indictment," Ashcroft said. *Reuters*

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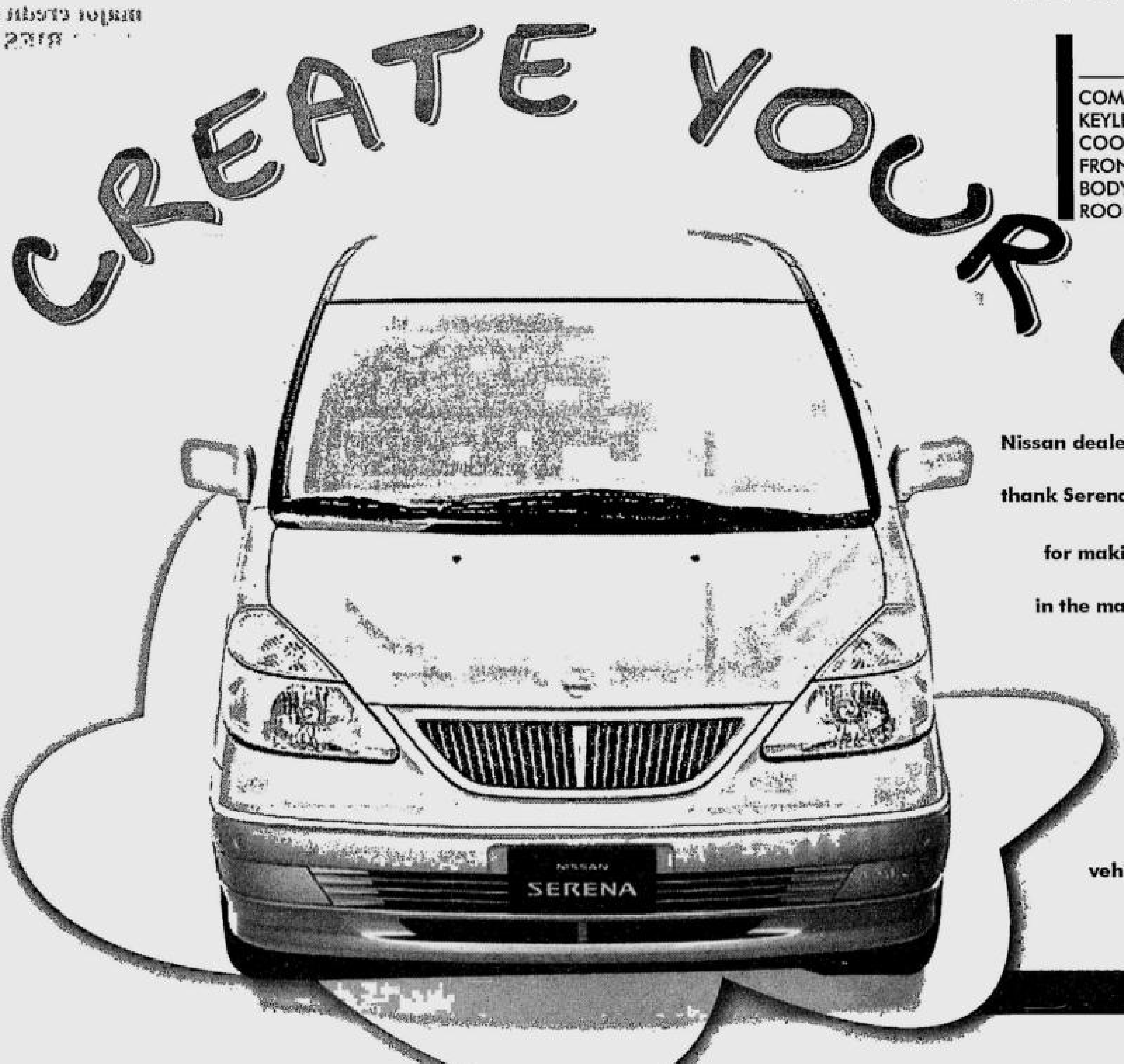

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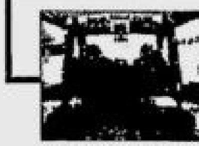
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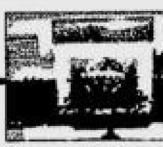
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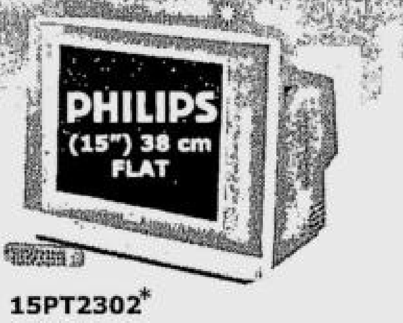

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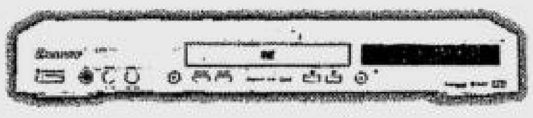

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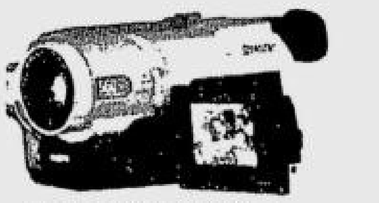

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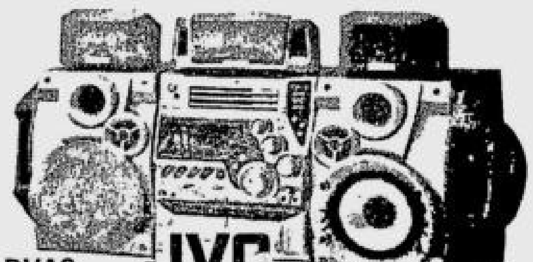

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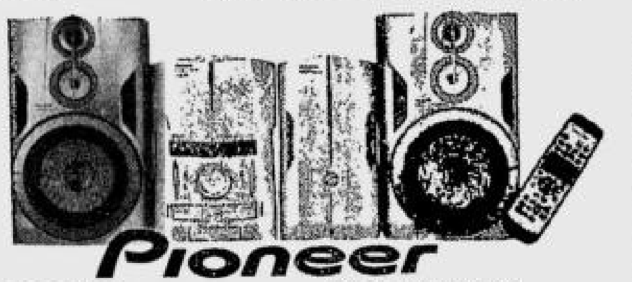

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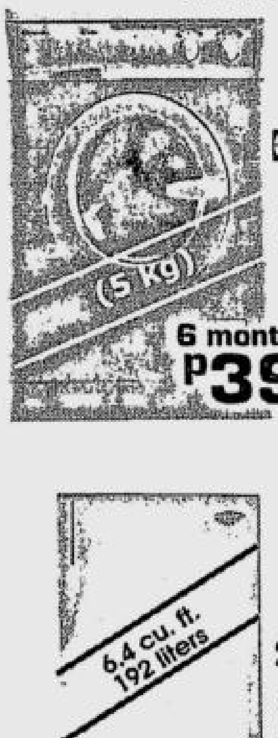

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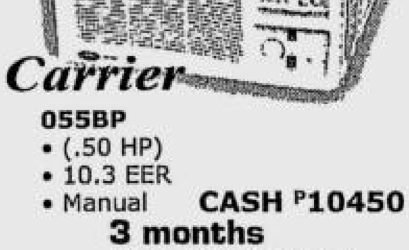

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4 dead, 17 hurt in Cavite bus accident

By Romulo Ponte
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

TERNATE, Cavite—Four employees of Unilever Philippines died and at least 17 others were wounded when a company bus fell into a ravine along a winding highway at Barangay Sapang Uno, Ternate, Cavite yesterday morning.

Dr. Zenaida Roble, medical officer III of Maragondon municipal hospital, pronounced dead on arrival Dominador Medina, Raymond Honorio, Eduardo Noveloso and Romulo Paragas.

The four were brought by a rescuing team to the hospital at about 9:30 a.m. but doctors failed to revive them, said Yolly Angue, hospital employee.

Angue, however, said the rest of the wounded passengers were already declared out of danger by physicians.

PO1 Bernard Espineli, Naic police patrol officer, said at least 11 wounded passengers were brought to the Naic Doctors Hospital and San Lorenzo Hospital both in Naic, Cavite. The rest of the victims were brought to different hospitals nearby for medical attention.

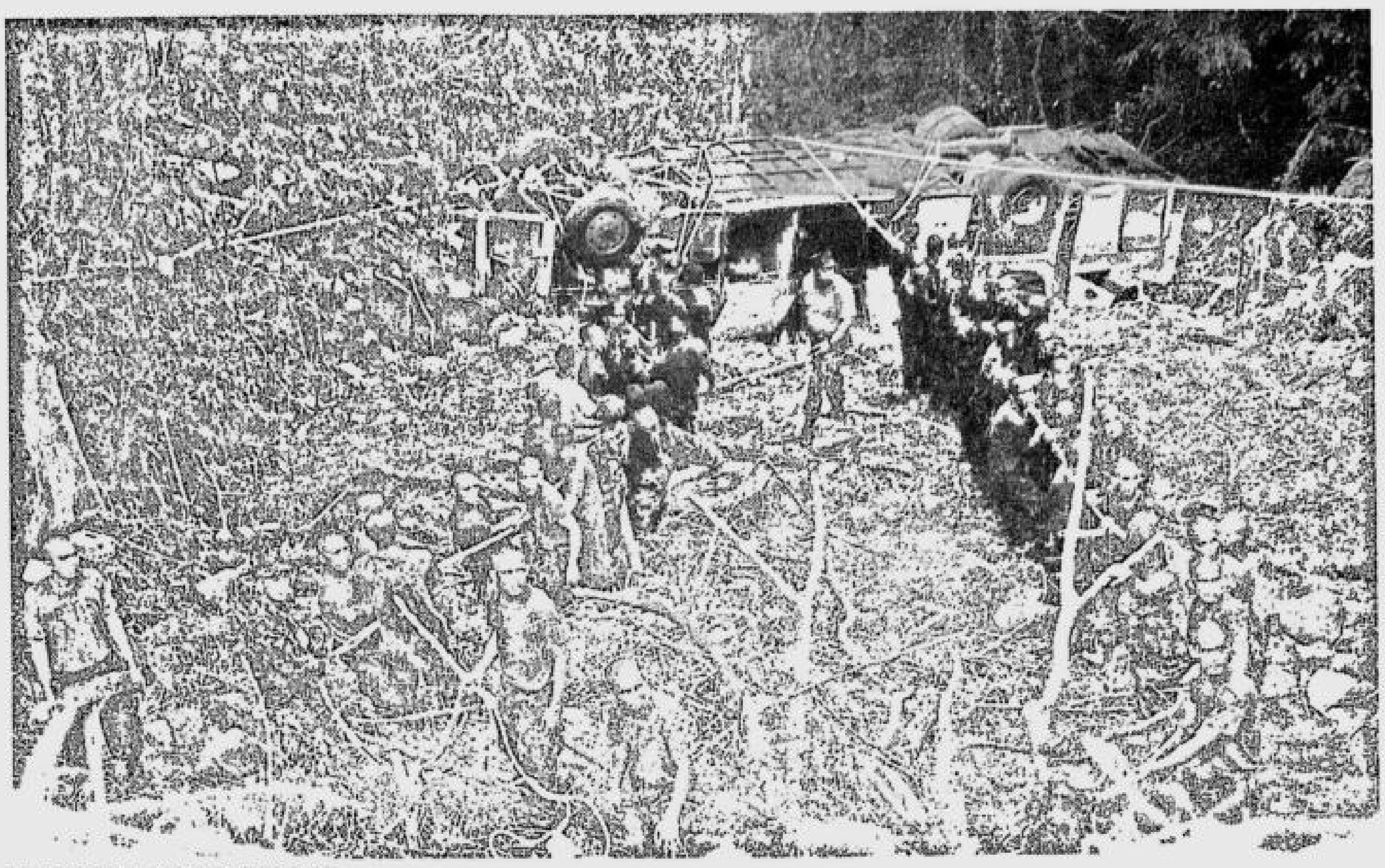
Dr. Randy Calingasan of Cavite Rescue 161, who was at the site of the accident, reported over dzBB that at about 9 a.m., the Unilever bus lost control and fell on its side along the highway, causing the death of the four passengers and the injury of the other passengers.

Two male and female passengers were pinned inside the bus but they were rescued and brought to the hospital for medical treatment, said Calingasan.

A Unilever Philippines press statement read over the radio said two company buses carrying at least 20 employees each were on a trip for a team building seminar somewhere in Cavite when one of the buses fell into a ravine while it was negotiating a winding portion of the highway at about 9 a.m.

It said the cause of the accident was still undetermined.

The statement confirmed the death of the four employees and the injury of at least 10 others. Others who have more serious injuries were airlifted to the Manila Doctors Hospital through a helicopter lent by ABS-CBN.



MANUAL OPERATION
Philippine Marines rescue the Unilever bus that fell off a cliff at Sapang Uno, Ternate, Cavite yesterday. Four Unilever employees died in the mishap and 18 were injured.
ERIC ARAZAS

Central Luzon placed on full alert vs NPA

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—The Central Luzon police have been placed on full alert starting Wednesday midnight to avert renewed attacks from the New People's Army, Chief Supt. Oscar Calderon, regional police director, said Thursday.

In his advisory, Calderon ordered a "heightened security of government buildings, vital installations like power plants and sub-stations." Included under strict watch are commercial centers, churches and "other possible targets of NPA and other threat groups."

The alert was coordinated with the Central Luzon-based units of the Armed Forces, Calderon said.

The order came on the heels of separate violent incidents allegedly committed by communist rebels since last week.

Suspected NPA rebels burned quarry equipment reportedly owned by local officials and businessmen in Angat, Bulacan, on Sept. 25.

Suspected NPA rebels on Sept. 30 shot and killed contractor Florante Gatchalian in Baler, Aurora, a report reaching here said.

Also on that day, the NPA was said to have launched two successive attacks.

In San Rafael, Bulacan, communist rebels on board an Elf truck fired at a checkpoint manned by the 306th Police Mobile Group. Reports said the attack wounded SPO1 Ernesto Martin.

Reports said the attackers could be the same group that engaged Army soldiers in a firefight Monday near the boundary of San Ildefonso and Doña Remedios Trinidad towns. Three Army soldiers were wounded in that firefight.

In Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, Army soldiers encountered 10 suspected NPA rebels operating in the boundaries of the province and Pangasinan.

The soldiers recovered an M-16 rifle, two rifle grenades, a smoke grenade, bullets and anti-government documents after the gunfight.

In San Simon, Pampanga, also on Oct. 1, police reported the slaying of rebel returnee Enrico Dantes by three hit men from the Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan, a rival group of the NPA. *Tonette Orejas, Anselmo Roque and Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

IPP exec sees brownouts in 2006

By Gia Damaso-Dumo
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SAN FERNANDO CITY—The next administration will face another major power crisis by 2006 if no new power plants are built by next year.

And no new power plants are likely to be built in the near future unless revenues on these power-generating companies are fixed by the government.

This gloomy scenario is painted by the independent power producers (IPPs) to defend the bloated purchased power adjustment (PPA) rates recently ordered reduced by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Ms Macapagal had directed the National Power Corp. to peg its PPA charges at a uniform rate of 40 centavos per kilowatt hour starting May 8 this year in response to public outcry over high electric bills.

Ernesto Pantangco, president of the Philippine IPPs Association, said by 2006, the IPPs and Napocor will have met the supply-demand gap and if no new power plants are built by then, the country "will begin to have rotating (pre-scheduled) brownouts again."

Pantangco, the executive vice president of the Lopez family-owned Bauang Private Power Corp., shared this observation before a meeting of Rotary clubs of La Union on Tuesday.

Frequent rotating brownouts became a necessity and severely crippled many industries during the Ramos administration in 1996.

Pantangco said it takes three to four years to build a power plant but investors would not risk making such investments unless there are "fixed revenues or a take or pay arrangement."

"It's like financing (the purchase of) a car or a house. No bank will lend you money unless you commit to pay a fixed amount in amortization every year whether or not you use that car or house," he said.

Pantangco said that although the country now has an excess power in the Luzon grid, through Napocor's generation mix consisting of hydro, steam, coal, diesel and bunker energy resources, this gap will close between 2006 and 2007.

He said an impending war between the United States and Iraq should not be a cause of worry particularly in Luzon because of this mix and non-dependence on petroleum.

He said Napocor would keep the PPA rate down until the next elections. But, by not reflecting the true cost of power that it sells to its consumers, "this has greatly contributed to the country's ballooning deficit."

"They are borrowing P300 million a year to support that move. Napocor estimates that its net loss will balloon from P17 billion to P36 billion next year if they don't reflect the true cost of power," he said.

"Already, local government units are feeling the impact of the aggravated deficit and the consequent devaluation. Their internal revenue allotment shares are delayed and the business environment does not encourage investors," he said.

Man claiming to be sex cult leader nabbed

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—The National Bureau of Investigation has arrested the man claiming to be a sex cult leader who sent photos of nude women and children to media outlets in this city and to senators in Manila.

Leonardo Erobas, who claims to be the head of a cult that practices the "Espedeject Ideology," was nabbed on Wednesday and is now being held at the city police office's detention center on charges of three counts of rape.

The rape charges, filed yesterday at the Regional Trial Court here, were based on the affidavits of a 14-year-old girl, who claimed that Erobas drugged her before she engaged in sexual acts with him.

Two other girls, both 15 years old, have also executed affidavits claiming they were not aware that Erobas was taking their pictures while they were in the nude. They said they were made to sniff rugby before every sexual act with him.

Arturo Nunag, Bacolod NBI chief, yesterday said the arrest of Erobas could be considered a warrantless arrest because the crime he was accused of were "obviously" committed as seen in the lewd photos he distributed.

Bulacan gov't opposes housing project

By Carmela Reyes
PDI Central Luzon Desk

MALOLOS, Bulacan—The provincial government has opposed a proposed housing project of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) in the mountain town of Doña Remedios Trinidad, saying it would encroach on the ancestral domain of native Dumagats.

"Neither garbage nor the homeless residents from Metro Manila are welcome to stay in our mineral-rich mountain town of Doña Remedios Trinidad," said Gov. Josefina de la Cruz.

De la Cruz was referring to HUDCC's housing project in Doña Remedios Trinidad that will cover Barangay Kalawakan. She said the project would violate the Indigenous People Rights Act (Republic Act 8371), which protects ancestral domains of the country's indigenous peoples.

"I will not allow this project to push through," the governor said.

De la Cruz, in a letter to President Macapagal-Arroyo on Sept. 25, said the project was proposed without prior consultation with the community and with the municipal and provincial governments.

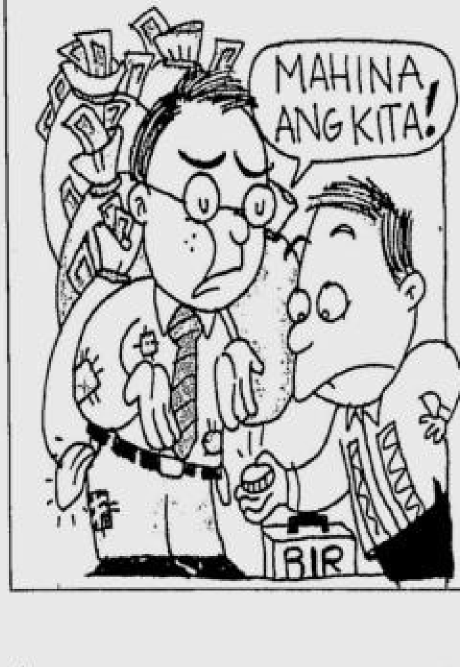
Doña Remedios Trinidad Mayor Evelyn Paulino said she was not aware of the project. But she said the HUDCC earlier expressed its desire to use part of that land that the town had identified for housing sites under its eco-tourism and municipal land use program. She said the HUDCC has not submitted a proposal.

Barangay Kalawakan is part of the Dumagat's ancestral domain in Bulacan, she said.

De la Cruz said "there are also reports that soil and mineral resources, including watershed areas, are found in Kalawakan."

In 1999, Bulacan residents and De la Cruz rejected the conversion of an area in the town into a sanitary landfill to accommodate Metro Manila's garbage.

Low tax payments displease Dumaguete mayor



DUMAGUETE CITY—Local businessmen here may be pumping in 80 percent of the city's income, but Mayor Agustin Perdices is still not pleased.

In a meeting here on Thursday, Perdices scored the businessmen for the very low tax payments of the city's "geese who lay the golden eggs."

"What we're getting are quail eggs," Perdices remarked after going over the list of taxpayers starting with the hotel and restaurant sector.

Perdices said a popular restaurant, for example, had declared a gross income of only P400 per day while another well-patronized hotel also declared daily gross earnings of only a little over P700, equivalent to the rate for an overnight stay in one room.

The mayor said he was "shocked" by the list, but declined to name the businessmen to save them from embarrassment.

"I will meet with them first," he said.

"I don't expect you to declare 100 percent of your gross receipts, but some of you are only declaring 10 percent or even lower." Perdices told the businessmen during the meeting.

But Perdices said that Jollibee fastfoods, which declared a P42.6 million gross income for last year, paid P856,858. "If we only had five Jollibees in Dumaguete, that would be a big improvement," he said.

The businessmen, for their part, said that if the mayor was dissatisfied with the tax payments, he could call the businessmen to his office one by one for the necessary adjustments. *Alex Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Singaporean kidnapping

KIDAPAWAN CITY—A Singaporean national has accused his Filipino wife of kidnapping their seven-year-old son here on Monday. Paul Wee earlier reported that six unidentified men abducted his son Mac Paul John inside the Kidapawan City Ambassador Elementary School here. Supt. Casimiro Medes, city police chief, said they were able to contact Wee's estranged wife, Reyna, in Cebu who claimed that she had their son snatched. Wee said he will file charges against his wife. He said it was the second time his wife had "kidnapped" their son.
Jeffrey Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Couple survives attack

COTABATO CITY—A cousin of Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen and her husband survived a grenade attack in Kabacan, Cotabato on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Maniago Mantawil, former professor of University of Southern Mindanao, and his wife Soraida were on board a multicab vehicle in Barangay Katidtuan when a motorcycle-riding man tossed a grenade inside the cab. The fragmentation grenade landed near the driver's seat and went off at about 6 p.m. The couple is now recuperating at the Kabacan Doctor's Hospital. Dr. Mantawil is the father of former Kabacan Vice Mayor Cedric Mantawil. They were heading home on separate vehicles after a meeting in a nearby village. The father used his son's multicab while the son used his father's Tamaraw FX. Kabacan Mayor Luzviminda Tan said the suspect could be after the former vice mayor. Tan said the attack could be related to political controversies in Kabacan. Police remained clueless on the identities of the suspects. *Charlie Señase and Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Bomb blast prevented

COTABATO CITY—Alert bystanders prevented what could been a bloody Wednesday afternoon in Midsayap, Cotabato after they found a powerful improvised bomb. Senior Insp. Julie Amanon, Midsayap police chief, said the explosive was an 81 mm mortar complete with timing devices and trigger mechanism set to explode 30 minutes before it was found. Bomb experts from the Army's 38th Infantry Battalion defused the explosive. Amanon said bystanders noticed a man suspiciously roaming around the town plaza minutes before the package was discovered at the back of the plaza stage. Had the improvised bomb exploded, it could have blown off the stage and the houses within 50-meter radius, according to bomb experts.
Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Accountant sues gov

ILOILO CITY—Iloilo's provincial accountant has sued Gov. Niel Tupas for allegedly stripping her of the authority to perform her duty and instead requiring her to do menial tasks. Gloria Magbanua asked the court to allow her to resume her post and prevent Tupas from interfering with her performance of her duties. She claimed that Tupas assigned her to a team that inventoried the province-owned properties where she was forced to do menial tasks like putting inventory tags that were not only alien to her official duties but were "degrading, patently oppressive and discriminatory."
Ma. Diosa Labiste, PDI Visayas Bureau

P1.2M payroll robbery

CAMP GENERAL ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—Motorcycle-riding men robbed two employees of a logging firm of P1.2 million in Plaridel town on Tuesday. Police said the suspects blocked the car of Peter Ang, 31, and Imelda Villasenor, 34, employees of the B and C Logging Corp. and took the firm's P1.2-million payroll money and a checkbook at gunpoint. The victims, police said, had just withdrawn the money from a bank in Barangay Tabang, Plaridel on Tuesday noon.
Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

2 killed in fire

GUIGUINTO, Bulacan—Two children were killed on Saturday when their house was gutted by fire in Barangay Sta. Cruz here, police said. Firemen recovered the charred bodies of Mutya Laceda, 5, and her brother, Joshua, 3, after the 30-minute fire. Police said the victims and their three older siblings were sleeping in their house when a strong wind knocked over a lighted kerosene lamp and started the fire at 8:30 p.m. The three other children, however, survived because they ran out of their house before it was razed. Police said the children were left alone in the house. Their father, Rolando, was driving his tricycle while their mother, Lucila, was not home when the fire broke out.
Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

More local execs, legislators facing recall moves

SEVERAL local executives are facing recall moves for alleged mismanagement, corruption, neglect of duties and other anomalies.

The mayor and vice mayor of Baganga in Davao Oriental, the vice mayor of Agoo in La Union, the vice mayor of Santiago City in Isabela, and the seven council members of Angeles City are in danger of being ejected from their posts following the holding of preparatory recall assemblies.

More than 100 of the 162 village leaders of Baganga gathered on Sept. 12, accusing Mayor Gerry Morales and his political ally, Vice Mayor Cecilio Monday, of mismanagement, corruption and other anomalies.

"The administration of political partners Mayor Dok Gerry Morales and Vice Mayor Kap Cecilio Monday is not only a big joke for this municipality, but they also have undeniably fallen short of the expectations of their constituents who can no longer endure their continued stay in office for two more years," said one of the resolutions adopted by village officials led by Barangay Central chair Vicente Esteves Jr.

The barangay officials, who were associated with former mayor Remegio Nazareno, said townsfolk have lost their confidence on the two officials.

The resolutions said the two officials violated a memorandum from the Commission on Audit that disallowed the use of post-dated checks in settling payment of vouchers, allowed the nonposting of the itemized monthly collection and disbursements, and spending for items not covered by appropriations, voucher and other documents.

They added that Morales and Monday deliberately delayed the payment of salaries of employees while "obtaining irregular cash advances with questionable purposes."

But Mayor Morales laughed off the allegations, according to an aide.

Ben Apostol, spokesperson for the beleaguered officials, quoted Morales as saying he was confident that a politically motivated action against him and the vice mayor would not succeed.

"We are all prepared for the recall elections," Apostol told the INQUIRER.

Apostol said Morales and Monday knew from the start that they were not popular among village officials.

"Not a single barangay captain supported their candidacies in the 2001 national elections, but still they won. They may not be popular among barangay officials but they are very popular among the people of Baganga," Apostol said.

Leonela Mendoza, municipal election officer, said the recall election had yet to scheduled.

The Comelec is required to set the date of the recall election 30 days after the filing of resolutions seeking the removal of public officials.

La Union

In Agoo, La Union, Vice Mayor Ramil Lopez faces recall for "wanton neglect of duties."

Lopez is the first public official in La Union to face recall after 402 of 441 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials signed a recall resolution during a municipal assembly attended by 408 voting members.

The petitioners said Lopez had failed to attend and preside over the municipal council's sessions for the past four months.

The assembly, presided by Teofilo Fiesta, a barangay chair elected for the purpose, was delayed by two hours due to a commotion caused by the refusal of Lopez's bodyguards to leave the meeting's venue in spite of the Agoo police's request.

The tiff was resolved after Lopez, who had been invited to the meeting, left the premises with all his bodyguards before the meeting started.

Earlier, employees of the municipal government, including the vice mayor's own staff, issued a manifesto expressing loss of trust and confidence in Lopez and Councilors Antonio Eslao, Henry Balbin, James Dy and Violeta Laroya.

The councilors had "shown blatant indifference and absenteeism and continually refused to attend official flag ceremonies and flag retreats of the municipal government," the manifesto said.

Angeles City

In Angeles, the Comelec has earmarked at least P10 million for recall elections against seven members of the city council, reports said.

At least 188 barangay councilors have signed a petition to convene the preparatory recall assembly. The signatures of 110 of the 260 barangay officials in the city are needed to convene the assembly.

The subjects of the recall movement are Councilors Ireneo Alvaro, Alex Cauguiran, Lito Ganzon, Ares Yabut, Agapito del Rosario Jr., Alex Indiongco and Louie Reyes.

Efren de la Cruz, Association of Barangay Captains president, accused the seven, who formed the majority in the council, of blocking the budget for projects sponsored by Mayor Carmelo Lazatin and his allies in the ABC.

The seven councilors, on the other hand, have accused Lazatin of orchestrating the recall move against them, saying it was part of his "maneuver towards making the city council a rubber stamp."

"We cannot admit we are blocking his programs," they said in a joint press statement. "Mayor Lazatin has never, in all the years he is city mayor, prepared, presented or proposed a comprehensive or skeletal program for the development of the city."

Lazatin denied the allegations, but said he agreed that the seven councilors deserved to be removed.

Isabela

In Santiago City, two former mayors are set to challenge Vice Mayor Clarito Manubay in a recall election.

Reports said Joel Miranda and Amelita Navarro were the top candidates for Manubay's post.

Miranda is the current city administrator and son of incumbent Mayor Jose Miranda, while Navarro once served as vice mayor.

On Aug. 26, 174 village officials held a preparatory recall assembly and approved a resolution recalling Manubay for "loss of confidence."

The officials said Manubay hindered the city's development by blocking resolutions and programs proposed by Miranda's allies.

Manubay was also accused of graft, absenteeism and ineffective leadership. *Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Gia Damaso-Dumo and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Jun Malig and Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Bejo given clean bill of health, reassumes post

By Joey Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—After about five months of absence due to a heart ailment, Mayor Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez was given a clean bill of health by his doctors and reassumed his post yesterday.

"The doctors told me that I can assume (my duties), but I have to slow down on my work," Romualdez, 65, told the INQUIRER on Monday.

The mayor, who is the younger brother of former first lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos, added that he would remain in contact with his doctors.

"They will be watching me every now and then and in fact, they instructed our city health officer, Dr. Jaime Opinion, to see me every hour to know my (condition)," he said.

He could not say if his return to office was for good.

In April, the two-term city mayor filed his leave of absence for health reason. Vice Mayor Edwin Chua took over as acting mayor.

Romualdez underwent a quintuplet heart-bypass operation at the St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

But the mayor's decision to go on leave came under suspicion since it was made after the bench warrant was issued against him by the Sandiganbayan.

The anti-graft court has found him liable for the illegal takeover of Bataan Shipyard Engineering Co. during the martial law regime of his brother-in-law, deposed President Ferdinand Marcos.

Romualdez, through his lawyers, immediately posted bail.

He told the INQUIRER that he was excited to return to City Hall "because I have been absent for quite sometime."

"I feel ashamed of the Taclobanons. They gave me a resounding mandate but I have not done any (projects) yet in my second term. I want to do something right away," he said.

He, however, did not say what things he would give priority to now that he was back at City Hall.

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Wounded US soldier flown to Okinawa

ZAMBOANGA—A wounded US soldier and the remains of another killed in the bomb attack were yesterday flown to an American military base in Okinawa, Japan.

"At approximately 3:45 p.m., the deceased and the casualty were flown out of the country," said US military spokesperson Capt. Catherine Morelle-Oliveira.

The US military has not named the two victims, but Philippine military officials here identified the dead soldier as Sgt. Mark Jackson. The other soldier was said to be in "serious but stable condition."

The two soldiers were part of a 260-member Special Operations support team carrying out a "long-term security cooperation program" with the Philippine military, according to a statement from the US contingent here.

"We're going through with all planned projects," Oliveira told reporters. "There is no guidance to stop anything."

She said the US contingent was essentially engaged in "humanitarian work," including building bridges, roads, schools and digging wells in Basilan.

Oliveira said without elaborating that "force protection" measures had been taken to prevent similar incidents that could endanger US military personnel.

"We are concerned with the safety and security of the personnel," she said, but stressed that "our plan is to stay here." *AFP*

SERIOUSLY injured US serviceman is loaded into a US military aircraft bound for the American base in Okinawa. The remains of Sgt. Mark Jackson were also airlifted. The two soldiers were part of the 260-member Special Operations support team detailed with the Armed Forces of the Philippines. AFP

AFP, PNP chiefs: Abu Sayyaf did it

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bomber, Lt. Col. Danilo Servando, chief of the Armed Forces' public information office, said investigators were not discounting anything.

But he said in a statement issued in Camp Aguinaldo: "The motive behind the explosion is still unknown. Zamboanga City Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat said that personal grudge could be one of the motives."

Grenade blast

A GRENADE went off in Barangay Tumaga in Zamboanga City at 7:50 last night, said Lt. Col. Danilo Servando, chief of the Armed Forces' public information office.

Servando said no one was injured.

He said the explosion was most likely the handiwork of the Abu Sayyaf. *Martin P. Marfil*

Earlier in the day, The Associated Press quoted Director General Hermogenes Ebdane, chief of the Philippine National Police, as saying that the driver of the motorcycle had been identified as an Abu Sayyaf member from a sketch based on witness accounts and his body.

Ebdane was asked by AP about reports that the Abu Sayyaf or the communist New People's Army was responsible for the blast that injured 22 people, including another Green Beret.

"It's not NPA. It's Abu Sayyaf," he said.

Initial reports reaching Camp Aguinaldo said the motorcycle was driven by a Bernard Limba, 33. *(See story on Page A1.)*

The reports said Limba was seen arranging a package on a motorcycle when it suddenly exploded.

Barangay residents said US soldiers were regular clients of the videoke bar. "It is the only store that serves beef steaks and other American food," Alma Kasim said.

Apari said she believed that the Americans were the target of the bomb attack because this was the first time such a thing happened at the bar. She also insisted that the Americans frequented the bar.

But according to Capt. Catherine Oliveira, public affairs officer of the Joint Special Operations Task Force, the explosion occurred when the soldiers were "returning to their headquarters (and) stopped to buy food from a restaurant located about 500 meters away from the main gate of the Philippine base."

"That's not true," Apari said. "The Americans drink there every night along with Filipino soldiers."

It was only on Wednesday night that only two American soldiers went to the bar, she said.

The Green Berets, based at Camp Enrile, were on duty providing anti-terrorism training at the time of the attack, the Pentagon said.

Nail bomb

US bomb experts and specialists from Okinawa, Japan, arrived at the Edwin Andrews Air Base yesterday afternoon.

A police intelligence officer said the US experts brought their own equipment to determine the kind of chemical used to produce the "nail bomb" in which, according to initial investigation by local police, more than a kilo of gunpowder was used.

Oliveira refused to discuss the involvement of the US experts in the investigation.

Seven US personnel were seen at the explosion site taking photos and video footage. The investigators included five American plainclothesmen, who used rubber gloves to pick up nails or pluck them from trees, then sniffed them for traces of explosives before putting them in evidence bags.

The area where the explosion took place is near a military arms depot and is largely populated by soldiers and their dependents who operate several businesses there.

The Criminal Investigation and Detection Group led by Supt. Marvin Bola-bola and Barangay Malagutay vice chair Jay Velasco invited four residents for questioning.

Alma Kasim identified them as Imrani Kasim, Wahab Kasim, Ike Indasan and Midzfar Mabano.

Thelma Kasim, Imrani's sister, expressed fears that her brother might be accused of crimes he did not commit. "He might be accused of being an Abu Sayyaf member," she said.

But Bola-bola said the four had already returned home.

The injured brought to the Zamboanga City Medical Center for treatment were identified as Joey Sapirul, Edwin Avenido, Rodolfo Enriquez, Jessie James' Barbers, Barbara Almonares, Amelita Enriquez, Epifania Enriquez, Geraldine Bismark, Cherry Enriquez, Glorina Dinglasa, Arlyn Samson and Rodelyn Enriquez.

Archie Pagulayan, Manolo Asuncion, SPO4 Rimando Felimon and Ernesto Nuval were taken to the Brent Hospital.

Condemnation

US Embassy spokesperson Karen Kelley said officials were still awaiting confirmation from the Pentagon regarding the personal circumstances of the American soldier killed in the explosion, whom military men on the scene identified as Sgt. Mark Jackson.

"We condemn absolutely the senseless violence," she said in a phone interview. "We offer sincere condolences to the Filipino victims."

Kelley also said the embassy was "in close contact with local authorities investigating the case."

Agence France Presse quoted her as saying that the United States was "working with Philippine authorities to investigate this incident and bring those responsible to justice."

Defensor said that it would be "business as usual" for the military, and that the planned joint military exercises with US troops would continue.

"There is no reason to disturb the timetable," he said in a statement issued earlier yesterday.

"Besides, we do not know yet the perpetrators and their possible motives," he added. "If it was the handiwork of terrorists, it only proves that they do not care about civilians, whether they get killed or maimed. The more then that we should push the throttle to make them pay for the destruction they leave . . . If it was an accident, it's unfortunate."

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said police and military had beefed up security in the US soldiers' quarters.

He also said US authorities were working closely with local investigators.

"That is as far as we can say," he said.

Golez also denied that the US soldiers would be pulled out. "Of course we condemn this senseless act of violence and we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the US serviceman," he said.

He described the attack as "very treacherous," pointing out that the US soldiers were in Zamboanga to do civic work. But he noted that they were aware of the risk to their lives before they traveled to the Philippines.

Golez said Malacañang had neither received reports that the bomb was similar to that used in suicide bombings in Israel nor concluded that the Abu Sayyaf was behind the explosion.

"At the proper time there will be a conclusion," he said.

Searching houses

AP quoted Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion as saying that investigators were searching houses and interviewing possible witnesses who may have seen who brought the bomb.

"We do not know where the bomb was supposed to be brought," Purificacion said. "The driver of the motorcycle loaded with the bomb stopped and was checking something in his motorcycle when the bomb exploded."

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said the bombing also could have been the result of a grudge against the owner of the Enriquez Carinderia Store and Mini Videoke Bar.

Asked about the possibility of a suicide attack, he said: "It might be too early to say. We are still investigating."

RMN radio reported that the motorcycle driver was identified as a 33-year-old man from Dipolog City. Little was known about the man, and Purificacion said it was unclear if he might have links to the Abu Sayyaf. *With reports from Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Norman Bordadora in Manila; AP:; AFP*

Entire PNP placed on 'heightened alert'

PHILIPPINE National Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. yesterday put the entire PNP on "heightened alert" following Wednesday night's explosion in Zamboanga City.

"The operating units, including the Special Action Force . . . are prepared for any eventuality," said PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil. He said they had been ordered to guard against and quell any attack by terrorist groups, including the communist New People's Army, which conducted a series of daring raids on police stations the past week.

The National Capital Region Police Office headed by Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco is continuing its inspection of vital installations for security reasons, Bataoil said.

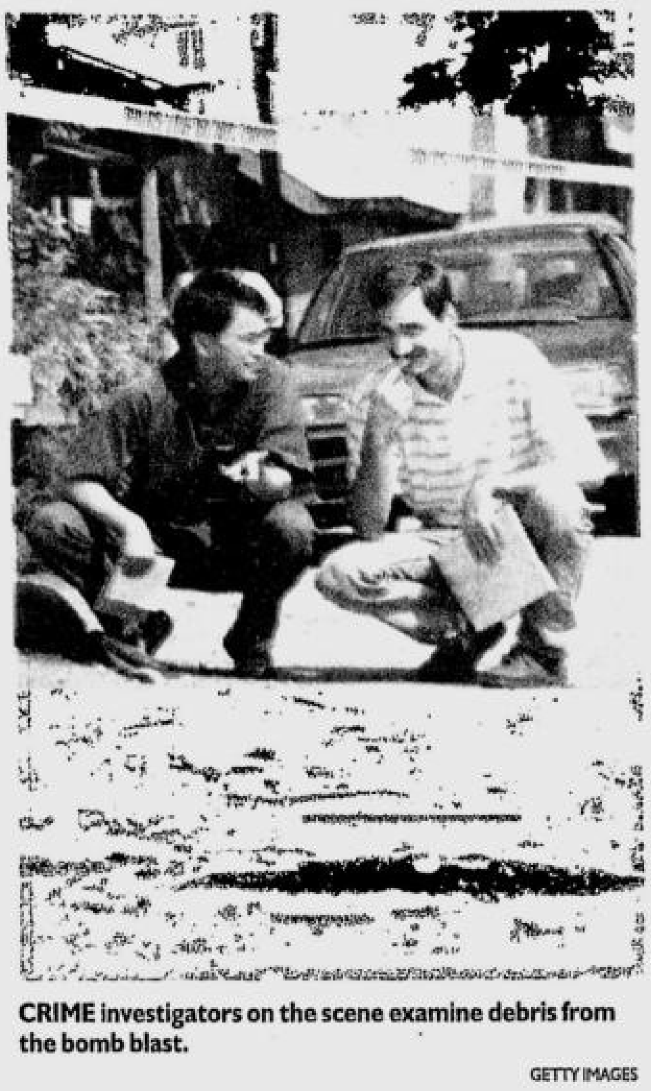
But he said that contrary to Ebdane's reported statement that the Abu Sayyaf was behind the Zamboanga explosion, police investigators had yet to establish the identity of the perpetrators.

"The truth is, the investigation is still ongoing," he told reporters. "The CIDG (Criminal Investigation and Detection Group) is helping the local police in Region 9 pinpoint the suspects and the motive in the bombing."

Bataoil also said the survivors were among those being questioned in connection with the explosion.

"They are the ones who can provide vital information because they were the ones in the immediate vicinity," he said. *TJ Burgonio*

How can these men be suicide bombers?


CRIME investigators on the scene examine debris from the bomb blast.

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VICTIM Rodolfo Enriquez is one of 26 victims.

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Sara, who is three months pregnant, was to marry Marlon, 23, on Oct. 21. He was employed part-time in a small electronics establishment in the city proper.

After the phone conversation with her friend, Sara switched on her transistor radio and was relieved that Marlon's name was not mentioned as among the dead or injured.

"I breathed easier," she said. "I was even able to sleep."

But the confirmation of Abby's "joke" came in the early morning news on television and radio.

"It's difficult to accept because he was at our house just last night," Sara said. "He brought me vitamins for my pregnancy. He left at about 8 p.m. I shouldn't have let him go."

Sara said Marlon kept a piggy bank in which he saved money for their wedding.

"But now the wedding is not pushing through," she lamented. "Our child has lost its father. It will be considered illegitimate. What hurts most is that the man I was going to marry is being suspected as a criminal."

Marlon's family is outraged as well.

"We are the bereaved and yet we are the ones being suspected," said Marlon's mother Fidela, 44. "Where is justice there?"

Fidela said that Marlon got home at around 8:15 Wednesday night, and that he and Bernard subsequently decided to buy *papaitan* and noodles in a nearby store.

Twenty minutes after the cousins left, Fidela heard the explosion.

"And then the electricity went off," she recalled. "We started running, but we did not know if Marlon and Bernard were among those hit."

'We need justice'

SP01 Marcel Tuballa, an investigator at the Tetuan Police Station here, also cannot believe the suspicion being raised against his brother and cousin.

"Justice is what we need," he said grimly. "My being a policeman will mean nothing if I cannot give my brother justice. If I was able to help others, why not him?"

Marcel said he heard the news last night that his brother was suspected of being a suicide bomber.

"That hurts our family," he said. "No one should air that information without evidence. We are all affected."

According to Marcel, Bernard was scheduled to return next week to Malaysia, where his brothers and sisters are also working.

"He already had his passport," Marcel said. "He was just waiting to be called by his employer."

Bernard left Malaysia in May when he learned that there would be a crackdown on undocumented workers in August.

Fidela said that while Bernard was working on his papers here, he was also attending to his ailing grandfather, Faustino Alcayle.

"Now he won't be able to return to Malaysia," he said.

Fidela also said she was happy to learn that her son Marlon had decided to marry. "I wanted to see my children lead their own lives, particularly Marlon because he was going to have a child," she said wistfully.

Thelma Kasim, a neighbor, described Marlon as "very polite."

"We never heard of him causing trouble," she said. "He was a homebody."

Palace spent P75M in charter fares as presidential jet languishes in Singapore

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has forked out P75 million in charter fares as her private jet languishes in a Singapore hangar while a dispute rages over a P150-million repair bill.

The row between the Philippine government and Fokker Services Asia is over who decided to send the presidential plane's two engines to the United States for maintenance while the rest of the aircraft was being worked on in Singapore.

The jet, a Fokker F-28 first used by the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos two decades ago, has few extravagances to set it apart from most executive aircraft—other than a presidential chair topped by a presidential crown.

But Ms Macapagal has had to trade her special seat for one on Philippine Airlines since the routine maintenance began early last year and the payment row kept her plane in Singapore.

The President, who took over from Joseph Estrada in January 2001 when he was deposed, has faced criticism at home over the expense of keeping the private jet.

The hefty plane repair cost is something the government can ill afford as it battles a ballooning deficit while trying to raise the standard of living, fight corruption and fix a frayed tax net.

Some political opponents have sniped that the notion of nationalizing the Philippine Airlines fleet can hardly get off the ground if Ms Macapagal cannot manage her own plane.

The Presidential Palace said last week it would pay for the repairs once an independent appraiser assesses the costs. *Reuters*

Expect more Abu attacks, says Stratfor

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THIS US soldier means business as he keeps tight watch at the Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga day after the bombing. AFP

ently referring to the Americans.

It would seem that Khadaffy Janjalani, the brother of the group's founder, was now reasserting control over the Abu Sayyaf and return it to its ideological roots," Stratfor said, adding that the group had been having a hard time recruiting new members.

"By returning to its fundamentalist roots, leaders hope its members will grow," it concluded.

The new recruits, the think tank said, would come from the ranks of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the Moro National Liberation Front, other militant factions and Filipino migrant workers who were deported from Malaysia, who could be attracted by the Abu Sayyaf's "renewed ideological focus."

First shot

"If the Abu Sayyaf succeeds in gaining new, more committed recruits, the attack on the US soldiers may be just the first shot in a renewed bombing campaign targeting US forces rather than Filipino citizens and businesses," it said.

"This may strain the Philippine Armed Forces . . . and will make US deployments to the country more significantly dangerous," it added.

Stratfor cited that American intelligence officials had identified Southeast Asia as having the largest concentration of al-Qaida and related groups outside of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In July, Filipino and US troops ended Balikatan 02-1 in the Zamboanga peninsula and Basilan where they hunted Abu Sayyaf bandits.

However, hundreds of American soldier remain to undertake "humanitarian" projects.

For first time, RP to buy oil . . .

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in case war erupts in the Middle East. Russia is the largest oil producer after Saudi Arabia.

"We have to take prudent steps to protect the national interest," De Venecia said. "We need to build up a Philippine stockpile just in case there will be an Iraqi showdown." De Venecia said he and Perez would be leaving in two weeks.

The Speaker said he believed that the US offensive against Iraq would be limited to Baghdad, where there are less than a hundred Filipinos.

But he said the country should find alternative sources of oil this early. If the crisis spreads to the Middle East, oil tankers from Europe, Japan and Asia will not be able to enter the Persian Gulf to get oil from traditional sources in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

"We have to be alert and prepared for any eventuality. All other countries are already acting," he said in a phone interview.

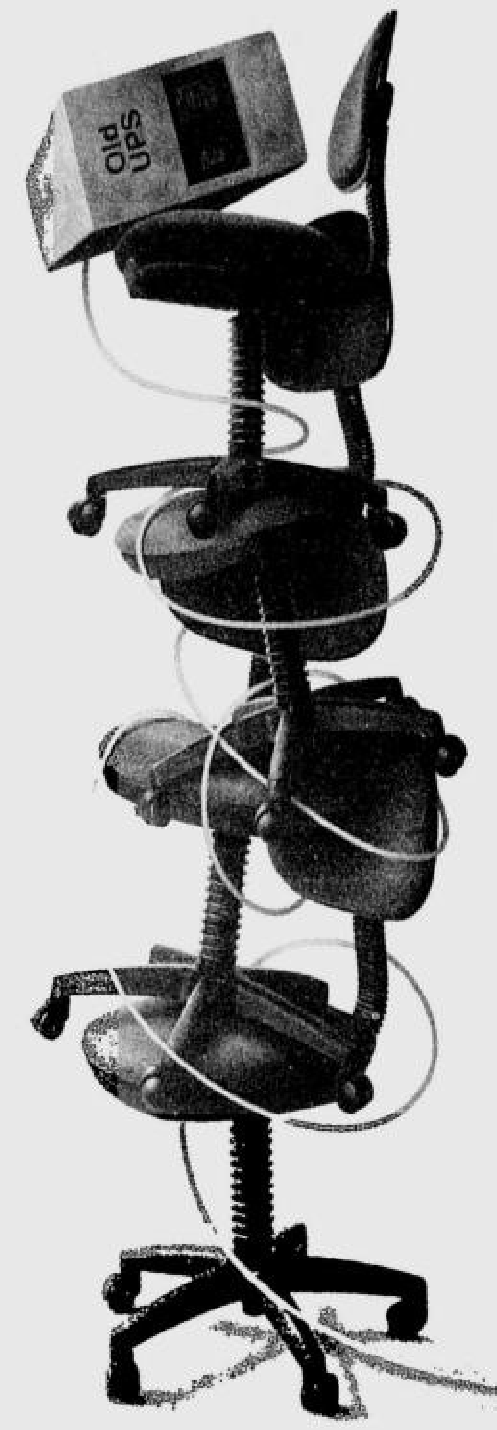
"We don't want to trigger panic but we have to help stabilize the price of oil," he added.

De Venecia recently visited Vladivostok where he had initially explored the oil issue. He said top Russian parliament leaders had assured him that Russia was more than willing to sell oil to the Philippines.

Russia is a good potential supplier for the country's "contingency oil reserve" because it is not an Opec member, and its oil tankers will not be passing through the Persian Gulf, according to the Speaker. He said the oil from Russia could be stockpiled at the Subic Freeport.

He needs to find out how much will be the country's oil requirement so that he can make preparatory talks with Russian leaders.

De Venecia said Russian oil would not replace the country's oil imports from Opec.



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Soap opera for new RP nurses in UK

LONDON—Nurses from the Philippines about to start work in northern England are to be shown episodes of Britain's longest running soap opera, Coronation Street, to familiarize them with local customs and accents.

A hospital in Macclesfield, Cheshire, has recruited the 24 nurses because it cannot get enough locally trained staff.

"They will watch Coronation Street so they can understand the vernacular," James Middleton from the East Cheshire NHS Trust told Reuters on Thursday.

The soap, set in a fictional working class district of Manchester, has been a favorite in Britain for 42 years.

Although the 24 nurses all speak English, their vocabulary is more American than British.

"If a patient whispered 'I want to spend a penny' I doubt whether a Filipino nurse would know what it meant," said Middleton.

The phrase is old-fashioned slang for wanting to visit the lavatory. *Reuters*

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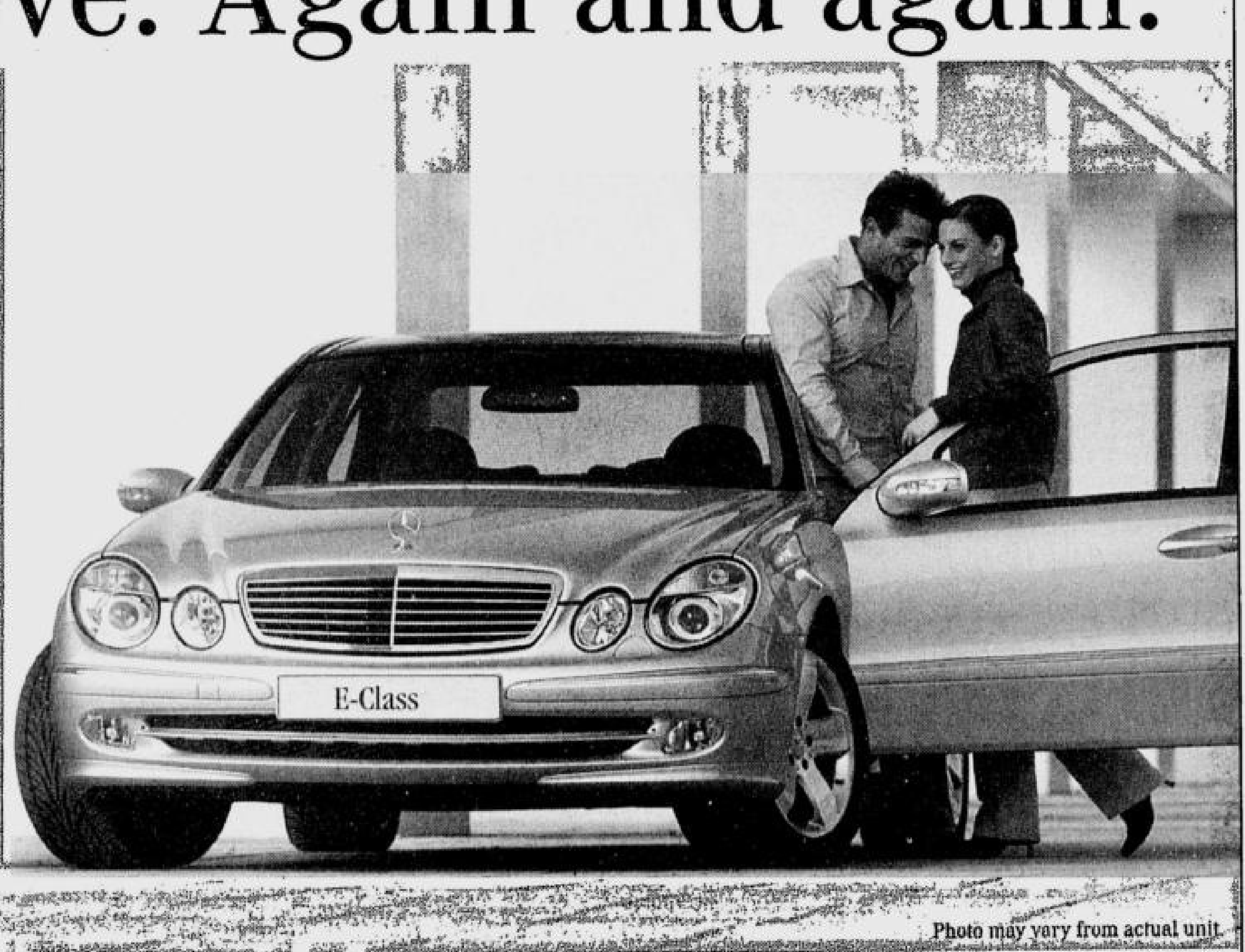

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Plunder raps filed 'to echo in eternity'

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"Today I take a stand against corruption, a social cancer that has been destroying the moral foundation of our country," said Tagud, a director of the Public Estates Authority (PEA).

Reading a prepared statement after swearing on his complaint before acting Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio, Tagud said: "Let this be a call to the Filipino people . . . Let us ensure the future of our children by doing something good for this country."

He ended by quoting the Roman general Maximus played by Australian star Russel Crowe in Gladiator: "What you do in this life will echo in eternity." It was Maximus' war cry to his troops before routing a horde of barbarians in a forest battle in Germania.

Buoyed by the support of 15 Edsa II leaders who signed up as "co-complainants," Tagud lodged the complaint against 12 fellow PEA executives, four government auditors, and Jesusito Legaspi, president of JD Legaspi Construction.

The respondents from PEA included Chair Ernest Villareal, General Manager Benjamin Cariño, and board members Joemari Gerochi, Martin Sanciego, Angelito Villanueva, and Rodolfo Tuazon, a former congressman of Western Samar.

Others were Jaime Milan, PEA assistant general manager; Manuel Beriña Jr., deputy general manager for operations and technical services; Theron Lacson, deputy general manager for finance; Bernardo Viray, manager of the technical services department; Cristina Mortel, legal department head; and Pocholo Zorilla, project management officer.

Also sued were four Commission on Audit personnel, namely Gloria Cornejo, Arturo Layug, Benilda Mendoza, and Manuela de la Paz.

The complaint included "several John and Jane Does," other public officials including those from the Office of the President who may have enriched themselves as a result of the alleged scam.

The unidentified respondents also refer to those who, "without proper documents," had a hand in the "approval of the P1-billion loan" that the Government Service Insurance System granted to the PEA for the road project.

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OUTSIDE the Ombudsman's office in Quezon City, cause-oriented groups rally to press for the probe of the PEA boulevard scandal by an independent body. JOAN BONDOC

AT the Ombudsman's office, plunder charges are filed by Sulficio Tagud (seated at right with Margarito Gervasio) against PEA executives and a contractor with the moral support of Bayan's Teddy Casiño and Pastor Saycon, 2nd and 3rd from right respectively. JOAN BONDOC

Not equally guilty

In an interview, Tagud said not all 17 respondents were equally guilty. He explained that it was his lawyers who maintained that all officials who signed the cost adjustments should be implicated. "But the degree of their culpability should be differentiated," he said, adding that some of PEA directors, may have been misled by management, thought they were just doing the right thing."

Other complainants included the Council on Philippine Affairs, Plunderwatch, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and its party list group Bayan Muna, public labor union Courage, feminist militant group Gabriela; Equal Justice for All Movement, Citizens National Network Against Poverty and Corruption, Anakbayan, Concerned Lawyers for Moral and Effective Leadership, Selda, Katapat, Ouster, and Kairos Philippines.

Among the civil society leaders who accompanied Tagud to the Ombudsman's office were COPA's Pastor Boy Saycon, former Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Liwayway Vinzons Chato.

Bayan's Teodoro Casiño said this was the first time the same alliance found themselves backing up a criminal complaint against public officials since the impeachment of then President Joseph Estrada.

A non-bailable offense which carries the penalty of life imprisonment to death, plunder under Philippine law is committed by a public official who steals P50 million or more from public funds via a series of covert, illegal acts.

The 30-page complaint comes with 300 pages of supporting documents. It mainly accuses Villareal et al of conspiring to pad the cost of the contract awarded to JDLC for the construction of a 2.3 km segment of the 5.1-km PDMB, an eight-lane asphalt road in the Manila Bay reclamation area.

"The respondents gave unconscionable financial benefits to JDLC amounting to about P632 million at the expense of the government. Apparently the respondents took undue advantage of their official position," the complaint said.

Cost adjustments

The alleged overprice was a result of a series of cost adjustments and contract variations approved by the PEA management and board—with the exception of Tagud. The price adjustments were allegedly made without prior approval from the Office of the President as required by the contract.

Tagud cited up to seven price adjustments made from March 2001 to August 2001 that jacked up the cost of JDLC's portion by "179.13 percent." The original contract price in April 2000 was P298.4 million.

Tagud came up with the alleged "overprice" of between P533 million and P632 million after comparing JDLC's construction cost with those incurred by the two other contractors for the remaining portions of the road, namely Shoemart Inc. and DM Wenceslao Inc.

SM worked on a 1.4-km of road and a 100-meter bridge for P148 million, while DM built 1.18 km of road and a 55-meter bridge for P246 million.

JDLC had been paid by the PEA a total of P816 million for its work on a 2.3-km road and a 42-meter bridge, according to Tagud.

That payment "represent(ed) the original contract, cost escalations and cost adjustments," with a remaining "balance" of P21 million. Unlike JDLC, SM and DM Wenceslao were to be paid by the PEA in reclaimed land.

"All the respondents have acted in cooperation, or in conspiracy with one another as shown by the fact that they prepared, submitted, recommended and/or approved the documents relative to the various cost and price adjustments, which made possible the overpricing or overruns complained of," Tagud said.

Tagud said "the magnitude of this corruption is so big that my fear for my life gave way to indignation. This strengthened my resolve to expose this anomaly involving a very short road project."

"Some people say that this country will have a bleak future in the next 100 years. But I say the future of this country will be bright if we start to do something today," he said.

The complaint was prepared by the Public Interest Law Center, which will serve as Tagud's lead counsel.

Why cracks have started to show in PLDT alliance

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Pangilinan suspected Cojuangco, chair of PLDT, of orchestrating these "vicious" attacks in media when he discovered that these stories were the handiwork of a PLDT consultant close to Cojuangco, the source said.

The source said the Pangilinan-Cojuangco union was strained when Pangilinan opened negotiations with Newbridge Capital Inc. as a potential financial backer for a counter-offer to Gokongwei's takeover bid.

Investment adviser Luis Juan "Buboy" Virata represents Newbridge, and it is an open secret in the business community that he has no love lost for Cojuangco.

Cojuangco was said to be still harboring grudges against Virata over an investment scam involving Bancapital Development Corp. in 1994.

Bancapital was an unlicensed trader of government securities that closed shop in April 1994 when three of its officers—Marilyn Nite, Nunelon Niguidula-Bradley and Victoria Magalona-Escalambre—disappeared after failing to deliver hundreds of millions of pesos worth of treasury bills they promised to a number of Bancap's clients.

In that scuffle, Virata's company emerged unscathed, while Cojuangco's Bank of Commerce found itself in a serious liquidity crisis.

Cojuangco was also reportedly still miffed at Virata's role in engineering his ouster as chair of Philippine Airlines Inc., which paved the way for beer and tobacco tycoon Lucio Tan's entry into the airline.

However, since Newbridge was interested only in matching Gokongwei's offer for PLDT, Cojuangco and Pangilinan were forced to look for other investors.

First Pacific announced in June it would transfer its 24.4-percent controlling stake in PLDT to a $925-million joint venture with the Gokongwei group, which owned a rival telecommunications firm.

The joint venture was also supposed to take on a 50.4-percent stake in Bonifacio Land Corp., a property unit of debt-laden Metro Pacific Co. Ltd., the Philippine flagship of First Pacific.

But the transaction failed to take off after the PLDT board refused to let the Gokongwei group conduct due diligence and effectively blocked the completion of the deal.

Talks open

With Newbridge interested only in PLDT, negotiations were opened with the Campos family of United Laboratories Inc., who agreed to make an offer for Metro Pacific's stake in Bonifacio Land.

Cojuangco was reportedly left out of the talks with Unilab. Negotiations with the Campos family last month abroad were made without him.

A person familiar with the situation said Cojuangco took these as strong signals that he was being eased out of PLDT, with Pangilinan likely to be named PLDT chair, while a new investor would bring in a new president and chief executive.

The source said this prompted Cojuangco to strike out on his own by negotiating with other parties, including his uncle, Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, chair of cash-rich San Miguel Corp.

Cojuangco and San Miguel vice chair Ramon Ang have gone so far as making an offer for the Fort Bonifacio property in exchange for taking out Metro Pacific's $109-million loan to Larouge BV, a subsidiary of First Pacific, the source said.

But San Miguel, through its property arm, San Miguel Properties Philippines Inc., was said to have demanded that the sale be made as a straight-land deal instead of an acquisition of Metro Pacific's majority equity in Fort Bonifacio Development Corp., developer of the 150-hectare Fort Bonifacio Global City property.

Metro Pacific's 45-percent partner in FBDC is the Bases Conversion Development Authority.

The source said it was still uncertain whether Cojuangco would turn to San Miguel as a partner in making a bid for First Pacific's stake in PLDT.

San Miguel said in a disclosure on Wednesday that SMPPI had yet to make an offer for Fort Bonifacio.

He added that Cojuangco felt his significant contribution in the successful campaign to repulse Gokongwei was not fully acknowledged by Pangilinan.

Cojuangco retained his right-of-first-refusal on the PLDT shares he sold to First Pacific in 1998, and he continued to wield a strong influence on the PLDT board that voted to reject Gokongwei's offer.

Denial

A source from the Pangilinan camp, however, denied speculations of a rift between Cojuangco and Pangilinan.

The source claimed that the two engaged in good-humored banter during PLDT's recent meeting, and that they would continue to be allies.

But another source said that Cojuangco had severed his ties with Pangilinan over "fundamental differences," and that there were now two factions fighting for control of PLDT.

Other sources said the Salim family, majority owner of First Pacific, was now considering hooking up with Cojuangco and their Japanese partner, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp.

NTT is the second biggest stockholder in PLDT with a 15-percent stake.

"The Salims are so mad because (Pangilinan) spoiled the deal without producing an alternative. Now they cannot exit. They are out to get his head because no deal can ever be closed with him around," one source said.

But a source privy to discussions said First Pacific might hold off from any planned sale given the battered share prices of PLDT and Metro Pacific.

"First Pacific is having an internal debate as to whether any sale, of either PLDT or Bonifacio Land, should be effected at this time," the source said.

Metro Pacific spokesperson David Nugent said there was no official notice yet from First Pacific on its next plan.

In a statement, First Pacific said it would review its strategic options on its Philippine investments after a deal to sell its telecom and property assets collapsed.

"First Pacific continues to review its strategic options in relation to its Philippine investments although no negotiations or discussions in relation to a specific transaction are currently ongoing," the company said in a statement. *With reports from Doris C. Dumlao, Abigail L. Ho and Reuters*

Deadly stats show it's a violent world

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hidden problem and to help governments mount national prevention campaigns aimed in particular at young people.

The report said an estimated 520,000 people were murdered in 2000—not including unlawful deaths disguised as accidents or natural causes. For every person who died, 20-40 others were hospitalized with injuries.

The toll included 199,000 young people aged 10-29 who were invariably killed by other young people—often the result of alcohol and drug abuse or easy access to firearms.

It said youth homicides in the United States, in many Latin American countries and in the former Soviet bloc soared, while stabilizing or falling in much of Western Europe and Canada.

Within countries, there were big social and racial differences. In the United States, African-American youths are 12 times more likely to be murdered than whites.

Krug said that WHO had no plans to lobby the US or any other government for tighter gun control laws as part of the violence prevention campaigns.

"Clearly not, it's not our role," he said.

Abuse of kids, women

An estimated 57,000 young children died from abuse—often head injuries or suffocation—with preschoolers most at risk.

The report said that millions of other children were the victim of beatings—citing as an example a recent survey in South Korea where 67 percent of parents admitted whipping their children to discipline them, and 45 percent reported hitting, kicking or beating them.

In 48 surveys from around the world, 10-69 percent of women reported being physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate male partner at some point in their lives and as many as 20 percent of women suffered sexual abuse as a child, it said.

The report cited a recent national survey in South Africa that school teachers were responsible for 32 percent of disclosed child rapes.

At the other end of the age scale, WHO said that abuse of elderly people by relatives and other caregivers was "increasingly being recognized as a serious social problem."

"It is also a problem that may continue to grow as many countries experience rapidly aging populations," the report said.

Suicide

In some developing country cultures where women have inferior social status, elderly women were at even greater risk than men—being abandoned or having their property seized once they were widowed. In the extreme case of Tanzania, an estimated 500 elderly women accused of witchcraft—often connected with an event like crop failure—were murdered every year, it said.

The report estimated that 815,000 people killed themselves in 2000—making suicide the 13th leading cause of death worldwide. People older than 60 were most likely to take their own life.

On the average, men were three times more likely to kill themselves than women. In China, however, the rate was about the same for men and women. In general, about 10 percent of people who attempt suicide eventually kill themselves, it said.

The highest rates were in Eastern Europe and the lowest in Latin America. But this masked big differences between rural and urban populations and different racial and ethnic groups within countries.

Among the Inuit people in northern Canada, there were overall rates of suicide of between 60 and 75 per 100,000 people compared with 15 per 100,000 for the general population, it said.

WHO Director General Gro Harlem Brundtland said she hoped the report would break taboos surrounding violence in the home and suicides.

"To many people, staying out of harm's way is a matter of locking doors and windows. To others, escape is not possible. The threat of violence is behind those doors," said Brundtland.

"And for those living the midst of war and conflict, violence permeates every aspect of life," she said of the 310,000 people who died in wars. *AP*

GMA loses voice, cancels some meetings

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in Palawan? Or the late night party with her Cabinet members in Clark Field, Pampanga, after a day-long mission-vision workshop?

Citing throat problems, President Macapagal missed a speaking engagement yesterday.

Malacañang cancelled her luncheon with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (Focap) at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Makati.

Focap was informed of the cancellation at about 10:30 a.m. The President's schedule with members of the Manila-based foreign media was reset to Oct. 9.

But throat problems did not prevent Ms Macapagal from taking the chair of a joint command conference of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police at the Palace. She presided without talking.

According to an account, President Macapagal allowed Interior Secretary Jose Lina to read her opening statement at the conference that was called in the wake of the escalating attacks by the communist-led New People's Army.

Last week, Ms Macapagal spent most of her time outside Metro Manila.

On Sept. 25, the President practiced surfing in Siargao, Surigao del Norte, along with First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo. The couple were reportedly surfers during their younger years.

The next day, she again rode the surf at the opening of the 7th International Surfing Competition at the Cloud 9 Resort and later addressed the 2nd Mindanao Shippers' Conference. She departed for Palawan on the same day.

On Sept. 27, Ms Macapagal inspected the Malampaya Offshore Gas Project along with senior officials as part of the country's preparations should war break out in the Middle East.

On the presidential yacht, the President donned her diving gear and examined the remains of a Japanese gunboat sunk during World War II off Coron, Palawan.

On Sept. 28, Ms Macapagal visited the municipalities of Linapacan and Cullon before returning to Manila.

Last Sunday, she received Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian in Malacañang and hosted the 2nd National Seafarers Convention in the evening. Cocktails were served at the seafarers' event.

Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to a "team building" session with her Cabinet where they reportedly let their hair down while discussing programs of government.

Housing Secretary Michael Defensor emceed the evening fellowship last Tuesday where Cabinet members took their turns at the karaoke. They failed to get Ms Macapagal to sing.

The evening was capped by Cabinet members serenading their boss. For their efforts, members of the First Family were given alarm clocks by President Macapagal.

While the singing was going on, the President had one-on-one meetings with some of her officials. The "bonding" ended at 11:30 p.m.

"It was the first time we had something like this," Defensor said.

The President and her Cabinet wrapped up their session the next day and headed back to Manila.

Ms Macapagal later had dinner with INQUIRER editors and according to accounts, there were no indications yet of her throat problem.

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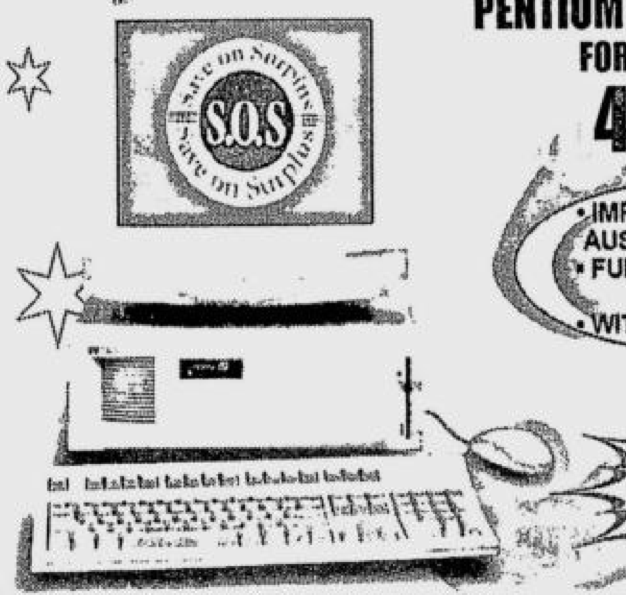

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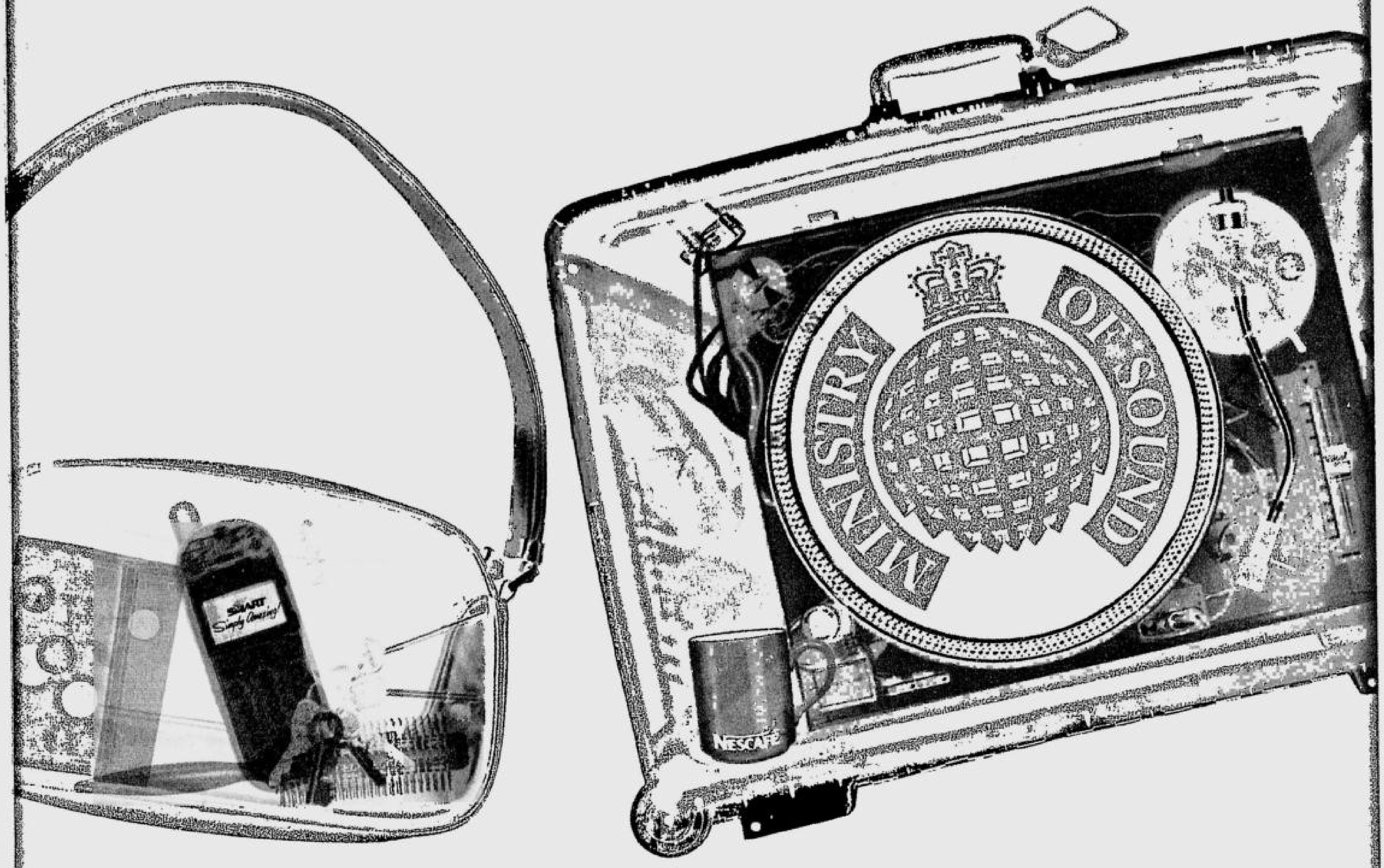

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RP ASIAD ROUNDUP

Shooting, rowing, bowling deliver

Bata suffers stunning setback

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

THE PHILIPPINES' Jethro Dionisio (right) waves to the crowd after winning the bronze in the men's trap individual shooting competition yesterday. Also shown (from left) are silver medalist Yongie Zhang and gold medalist Hui Li, both form China.

AFP

BUSAN, South Korea—The Philippines finally won medals yesterday in the Asian Games, but the resulting euphoria was cut short when news of Bata Reyes' defeat spread like wildfire at the Athletes Village.

Liza Clutario salvaged the bronze in women's singles, the same medals stashed away by rowers Alvin Amposta and Nelson Cordova in the lightweight sculls doubles and shooter Jethro Dionisio in the individual trap.

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Dionisio, the former world practical pistol shooting titlist, also paced teammates Eric Ang and Jimmy Recio with 117 birds as the Philippines won the bronze in the team trap competitions.

The 29-year-old Dionisio totaled 139, including 22 points in the final 25 targets to finish third in the individual trap.

But the haul was matched by the twin setbacks suffered by 1999 world champion Reyes and four-time World Cup titlist Paeng Nepomuceno.

Reyes, the 1999 world pool champion, lost to Chinese Taipei's Hsia Hui-kai, 7-9, after beating Malaysia's Amir Ibrahim, 9-6, in the quarterfinals.

Tipped to lead a three-gold sweep for RP in billiards' pool events, Reyes later consoled himself by settling for the country's fifth bronze for the day at the expense of Singapore's Tan Tiong Boon, 9-4.

Lee Van Corteza, the other RP entry in the 8-ball singles, was ousted by Fu Jianbo of China, 9-7, right in the first round Wednesday.

Nepomuceno, on the other hand, had a 1352 aggregate in the men's singles, good for only fourth.

Also losing were cyclists Victor Espiritu and Merculio Ramos Jr. in the 200-km. individual road race as the Philippines continued to grope for form on the fourth day of the 16-day Games.

Ramos finished 12th and Espiritu 21st among 29 entries in the 44-nation meet being dominated early by powerhouse China, with Japan running second ahead of the hosts.

Boxing also suffered a blow when Ferdie Gamo lost in the bantamweight division, dropping a close 11-10 decision to Khidirov Bekzod of Uzbekistan.

Christopher Camat will try to avenge Gamo's defeat when he debuts in the light-middle category even as lightfly Harry Tanamor returns to the ring in a fight for a virtual claim to the bronze medal.

Reyes will try to redeem himself in the three-cushion carom in the weekend.

In baseball, the Philippines got blanked by Japan, 12-0, while bodybuilder Roman Cortuna Jr. was eliminated, further sending grief to the already beleaguered RP Team.

Clutario's victim for third was her own teammate Ma. Liza del Rosario.

Nepomuceno could only manage to finish fourth in the singles in another mishap reminiscent of his previous setbacks on Asian soil, particularly in the Asiad and SEA Games where he is yet to win an individual gold medal.

Camat's opponent today is Pakistan's Kashif Muntaz while Tanamor, who floored his opponent the other day while advancing to the next round, takes on China's Zuo Shi-ming.

Soft tennis debuts today with Wenifredo de Leon Jr. and Richmon Paguyo seeing action in the men's doubles.

The ladies pair of Petrona Bantay and Josephine Paguyo also start their bid as Paguyo tries to recover from that sorry technicality wherein she got disqualified in the singles for the officials' failure to enter her name in the

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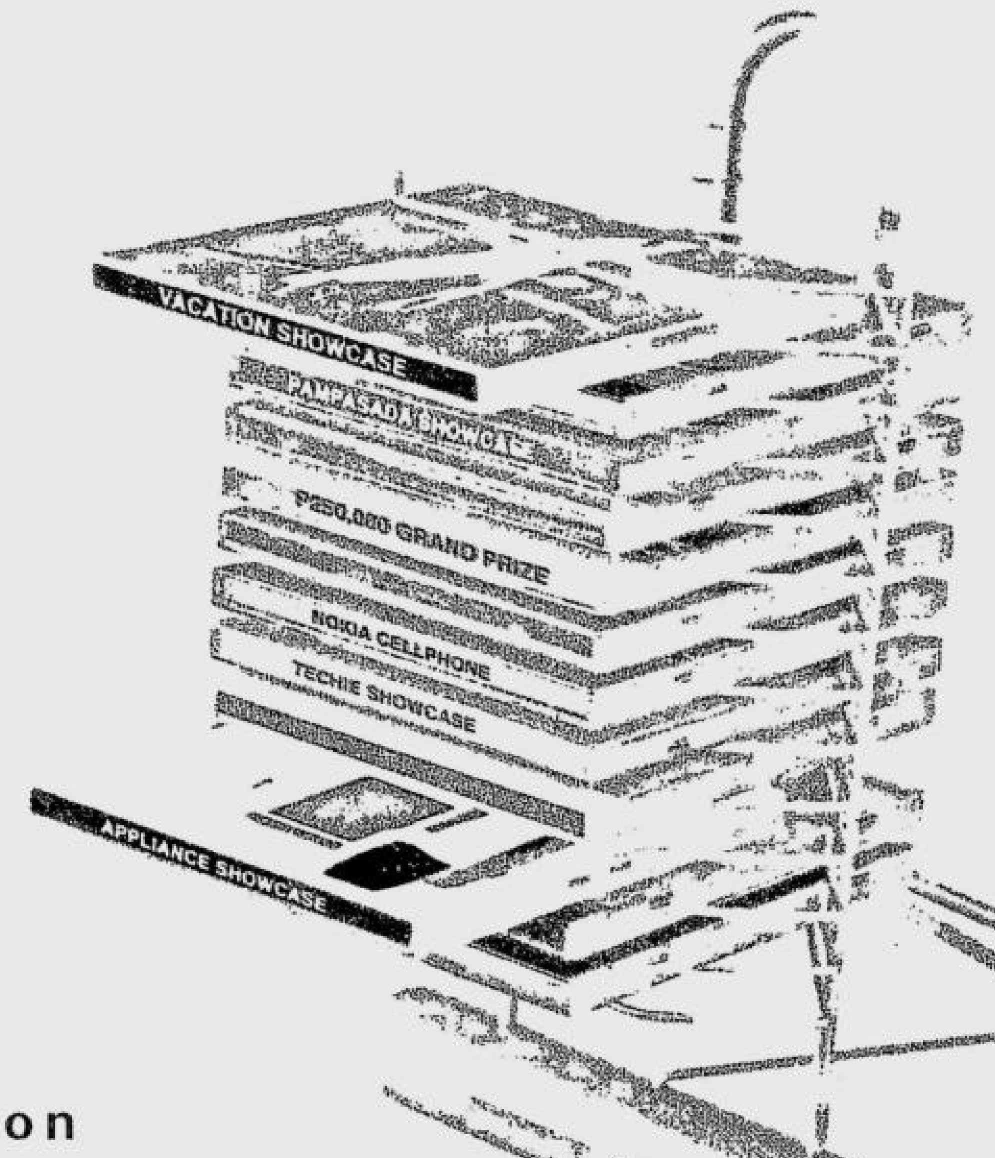

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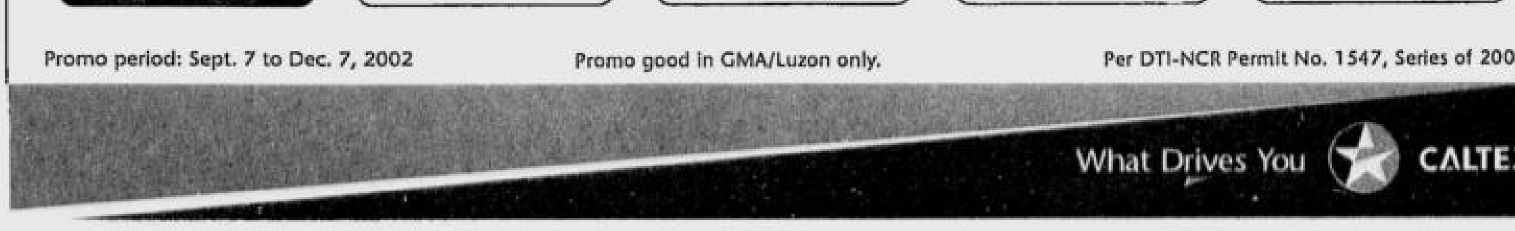

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RP goes through the motions vs Taiwan

Korean bug–and more

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—This city off the Pacific rim has four million inhabitants compared to Metro Manila's 12. I have yet to see one beggar. And where are the cigarette vendors, or giggly girls in tight shorts and plunging necklines selling flowers in the streets?

Surely, this is not Manila.

The city lights are on all evening, reminding you of the city that doesn't sleep: New York. You see practically everything moving here all day long, from man to machine, from mantis to moth.

This is First World country, fellas.

But how about this?

At night, they sell boiled eggs, noodles, roasted chestnuts and Korean bugs on the sidewalks. On alleys, you see stalls frying earthworm–like insects, sautéing strips of lean beef and boiling fish heads for soup.

Drunks and non-drunks stand side by side, either slurping on noodles or pigging on those crispy insects that, according to Korean legend, increases one's libido.

So, Viagra-users, move over please. A friend of mine drank a cup of Korean bug-spiked tea to cap a night of booze, only to find himself up at dawn to seriously consider calling Pfizer and tipping the company of a new formula on eternal youth.

Gets mo, brod?

People here don't talk English that much. But who needs grammar in a foreign land?

Sign language is older than fire that's why it's been always my kind of language anywhere I go, whether it's America or Africa.

The first consideration when you are abroad should not be English but how the people think and act. Culture. People here are basically very friendly. And honest, too. A while back, Admiral Louie Fernandez, a golf official, forgot his sunglasses in a cab.

Two days later, the cabbie was knocking at his hotel door, sunglasses in hand. INQUIRER photographer Jess Yuson lost the adaptor of his laptop at the basketball sub-press center. Next day, he got it back.

I bought a McChicken sandwich at McDonald's that had a Coke for free. I requested coffee instead. The girl with a toothie grin behind the counter gave me three cups of steaming coffee.

But this one takes the cake.

I tried giving a tip in one noodle house in Tong Nae, a busy district throbbing with shops. It was refused; the owner came back within minutes with a plate of fruits.

"Your dessert, sir," said the owner in passable English. But I didn't order one? "I know," she said. "For our lasting friendship."

Cagers to warm up for big game against China Oct. 8

GAME TODAY
3 p.m.—RP vs Chinese-Taipei

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—One more win and it's on to the semifinals for the Filipino cagers.

Basketball

And you can enter that win in the record books now even before the opening whistle is blown in today's Philippines-Chinese Taipei match at the Geumjeong Stadium.

The Filipinos will play the same squad they had easily beaten twice in tune-up matches before they flew in here determined to surpass the country's bronze medal finish in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad.

"Although we are heavily favored, we have to take them seriously because on record, defeating a team three straight times is not really that easy," said coach Jong Uichico.

After today's encounter set at 3 p.m., the Philippines, winning its first two games with ease but which struggled in bagging a third victory against Japan, will receive its biggest test yet when it battles defending champion China.

But that will not happen until Oct. 8, or three days from now.

Although that is a no-bearing game, RP's capability to attain the almost impossible task of winning the gold will be put under the microscope.

The Filipinos went back to the gym yesterday finding quick-fix solutions to some of their defensive lapses that almost caused their downfall against Japan on Wednesday.

In that game, Uichico's boys were subjected to heavy artillery by a one-man army named Takehiko Orimo, who resurfaced armed with a double-barreled shotgun after being downed by a virus in the Japan-South Korea game on Monday.

The 32-year-old Orimo, the MVP of the Japan Basketball League, defied all guards thrown at him to bomb the Filipinos with 33 points.

Only the late-game heroics of Olsen Racela and Jeffrey Cariaso bailed the Philippines, a development that troubled Uichico no end.

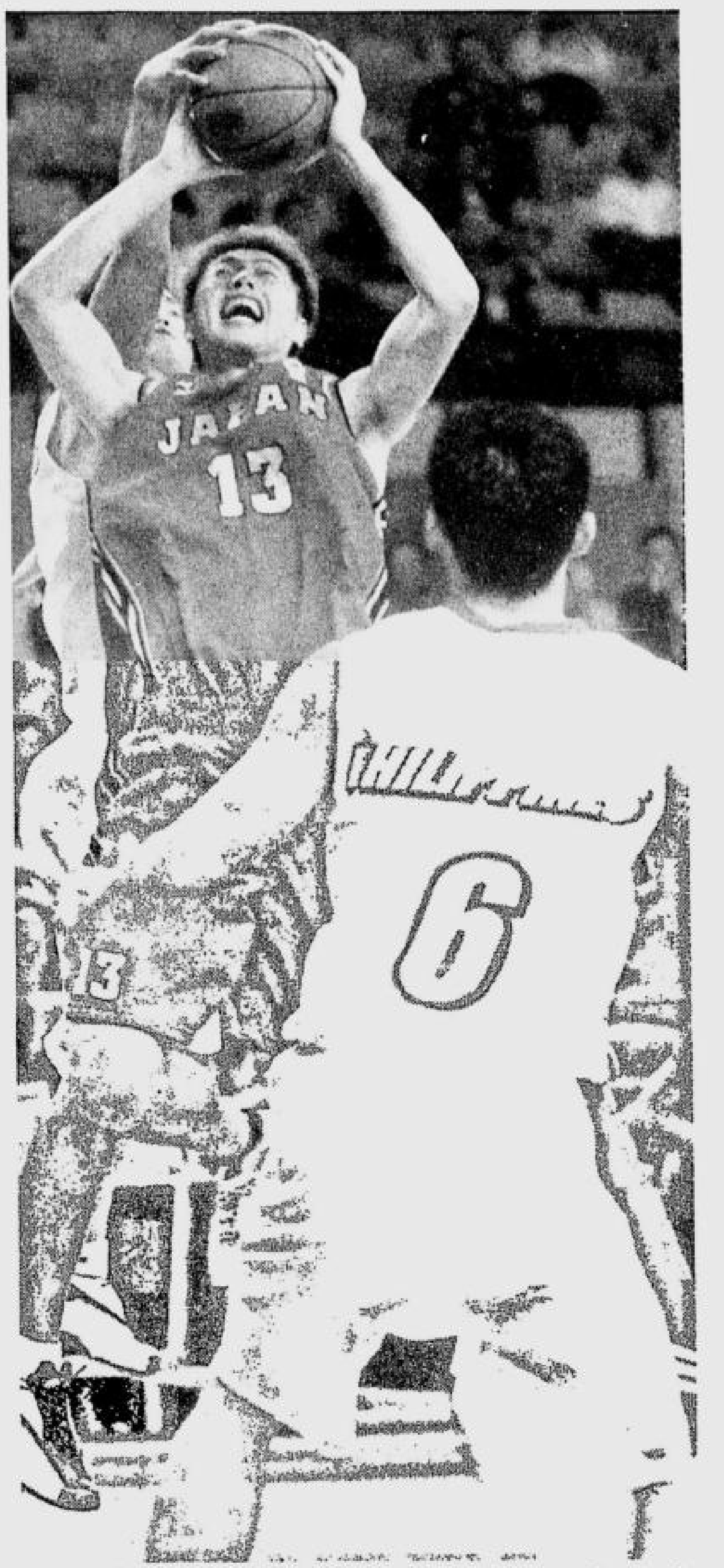
Cariaso, Racela and Hatfield alternated in putting the cuffs on Orimo—almost to no avail.

Only when the pangs of fatigue and exhaustion started to set in that Orimo, who played longest among all players fielded from both sides at 26.47 seconds, began to lose his touch.

The jumpshot artist fouled out with 39 ticks left, giving Cariaso a three-point play that the Filipino guard completed with a remarkable calmness from the line for the Filipinos' 77-74 lead, under 20 ticks left.

Before that, Racela hit his third triple for a 74-73 RP margin in a mighty followup to a sustained superb performance by Asi Taulava.

"I promised to make those three-pointers as a birthday gift to my son, Rafael, who turned four today," said Racela. "I couldn't ask for more."



DENNIS Espino (partly hidden) blocks a Japanese cager as teammate Danny Ildefonso looks on during their basketball match Wednesday. The Filipinos won, 79-74. JESS YUSON

Where do scalpers get UAAP tickets?

Certainly not from DLSU because it gets so few.

Section	Araneta Capacity (seats)	DLSU ALLOCATION		
		Finals Game 1 (26 Sept.)	Finals Game 2 (29 Sept.)	Finals Game 3 (05 Oct.)
Patron	1,130	250	232	232
Lower Box	958	240	216	216
Upper Box A*	3,727	820	850	850
Upper Box B*	6,096	1,800	1,780	1,780
Total	**11,911**	**3,110**	**3,078**	**3,078**
Teams playing		ADMU-UP jr ADU-FEU w ADMU-DLSU sr	ADU-DLSU w ADMU-UP jr ADMU-DLSU sr	ADU-DLSU w ADMU-DLSU sr
Schools playing		**5**	**4**	**3**

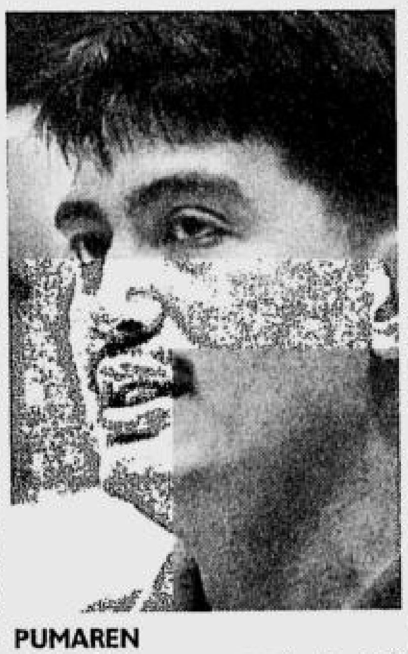
*with standing room only tickets

The UAAP must disclose who received tickets and how many. Also, why did it allocate only 26% of non-general admission tickets to DLSU in spite of its men and women teams fighting for championships on Saturday.

De La Salle Alumni Association

Scalpers make a killing in Ateneo-La Salle duel

By Dennis U. Eroa



PUMAREN

AFTER forcing a no-more tomorrow match against Ateneo for the UAAP basketball championship, La Salle mentor Franz Pumaren stated the obvious.

"Scalpers will be happy," Pumaren told a handful of sportswriters during the post-game interview at the press room last Sunday.

Indeed, scalpers, defined by Webster's dictionary as speculators who obtain and resell something (theater, game tickets, etc.) at prices usually greatly above the stated rates, are making a killing as the Eagles and the Archers fight for supremacy in the UAAP.

A scalper, who declined to be identified, yesterday told the INQUIRER that the magnitude of the present-day Ateneo-La Salle war can be compared to the Crispa-Toyota and the Ginebra-against-the-world rivalries of the yesteryears.

"The Ateneo-La Salle series has made us very popular," said the scalper.

He didn't say, of course, that scalpers are also being despised for selling scalped tickets at exorbitant prices, a classic example of striking-hard-while-the-iron-is-hot mentality.

Scalpers preying on La Salle students outside the Taft campus were arrested, their goods confiscated by men who introduced themselves as NBI agents last Wednesday. But lo and behold, they were back in full force yesterday.

The scarcity of tickets has come under fire from various sectors (see accompanying paid advertisement by La Salle). The INQUIRER confirmed that a free-for-all nearly ensued among fans, who waited for hours to get precious tickets at the Araneta Coliseum during Game 2.

La Sallites and Ateneans are also learning that finding tickets is like dreaming the almost impossible dream.

La Salle and Ateneo are given ticket allocations by the UAAP which aren't enough to satisfy the cravings of their schools' populace.

Here are the mind-boggling rates for scalped tickets this reporter gathered as of yesterday: Admission tickets worth P20 are being sold for P600. Upper box A (P100) can be bought for P2,500. Upper box B ticket (P50) is being sold for P2,000 tag. A lower box ticket with a face value of P150 is now worth P3,500.

A die-hard, unlucky fan needs to shell out P4,500 for a courtside ticket originally worth P200.

Meanwhile, the La Sallian community will hold a Holy Mass a 12:15 p.m. today at the main chapel of the DLSU Taft campus for the men's and women's basketball teams which are vying for the championships on Saturday.

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RIGHT ON TRACK

Golfers within sight, running third, fourth

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Philippine golfers started cold yesterday but they were within sight of the leaders in the 14th Asian Games here.

Golf

The men's team squandered six strokes in one hole, sending Angelo Que, Juvic Pagunsan, Jerome Delariarte and Marlon Dizon into a tie for third in team play.

The women's team also blew away five shots on the same hole but the setbacks did not dampen the spirit of the coaching staff.

"We are on the right track," said Benny Gopez, team captain of the men's team. "We are neither there nor here. Sometimes, it's better to be behind than ahead."

Chinese Taipei took the lead in men's play while Japan paced women's play composed of only six nations.

The RP women's team of Heidi Chua, Carmelette Villaroman and Ria Quiazon was fourth, just two shots back off the third-running Chinese Taipei.

It was practically similar in men's play, with the Filipinos tied for third with Japan just two shots back behind surprising Sri Lanka.

Chinese Taipei was ahead of the Philippines by seven shots.

"But in team play, that is not a big lead," said Gopez. "In one day, anything can happen. We have three more days and it is still too early to say who's going to bring home the gold."

Que saved a two-over-par 74 at the Asiad Country Club, built only eight months ago, his round uglified by that single mishap on the par-3 6th when he hit out of bounds for a 6.

The same fate hobbled Juvic Pagunsan, who had a 6 there for a 75 after also hitting out of bounds from the box.

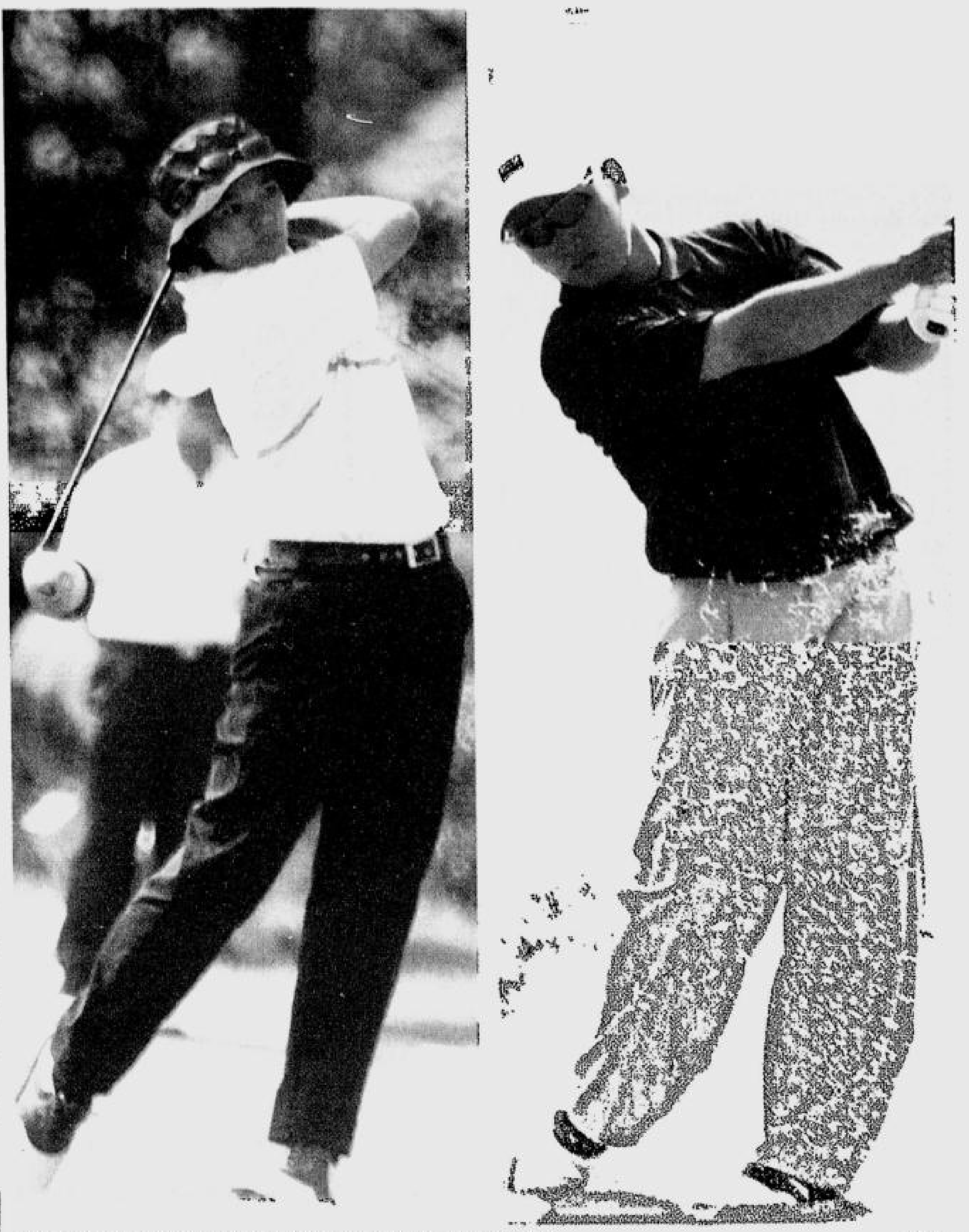
Delariarte and Dizon parred the hole, guarded by OBs. on both sides.

Delariarte made 76 and Dizon a no-count 79 in the 17-nation men's play.

Four players play each day, with the best three scores counting. In women's play, it's three-to-play, two-to-count.

Chua shot a 76, Villaroman a 77 and Quiazon a 78 that did not count.

The Philippines is trying to improve on its two silver, one bronze performance in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad.



CHUA (left) and Que in action during yesterday's golf competition.

JESS YUSON

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Greatest satisfaction

BUSAN, South Korea— For China's shooters, the greatest satisfaction came not from starting Asian Games competition with seven quick gold medals, but from shooting scores good enough for an Olympics.

"China has the upper hand in Asia, but we have to set our sights on the Olympics," said head coach Xu Haifeng. "Olympic gold is our ultimate goal."

The Chinese set world records in men's and women's 10-meter air rifle team competition and missed only one of the opening day's eight gold medals Wednesday — in women's team trap shooting.

"I was certain before the games that they would win gold, but the breaking of the world records was beyond my expectation," Xu told China's Xinhua News Agency.

"To tell the truth, they didn't make the most of their abilities today," said Xu, a 1984 Olympic gold medalist. "But their performances today were good enough to claim a gold in Olympics."

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The head of the Asian Cycling Confederation wants an explanation of Indian riders' failure to appear after signing up for men's and women's individual time trials.

"We will be writing to India," said confederation president G. Darshan Singh. "Where has the team gone to now?"

This isn't the first time Indian cyclists have failed to appear, Singh said. They also skipped the 1999 Asian cycling championships in Maebashi, Japan, he added.

"They arrived and checked into a hotel," Singh said, "but at night they quietly checked out."

This time, the team was left home, said Sandeep Mehta, spokesman for the Indian delegation.

"The government thought their winning prospects in cycling were less," he said.

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Three Malaysian sepak takraw players who were ordered home after they tested positive for morphine can expect a cool reception, if Malaysian newspapers are a guide.

"Takraw Disgrace!" the government-linked broadsheet New Straits Times said in a headline over photos of the three on its first sports page. "Nation's Traitors" cried the afternoon tabloid Malay Mail.

Malaysian officials said Wednesday that Mohamad Haniff Azman, Mohamad Firdaus Abdul Ghani and Mohamad Aznan Raslan were being sent home after they tested positive for morphine in samples taken during training before the games. Morphine is banned in Malaysia.

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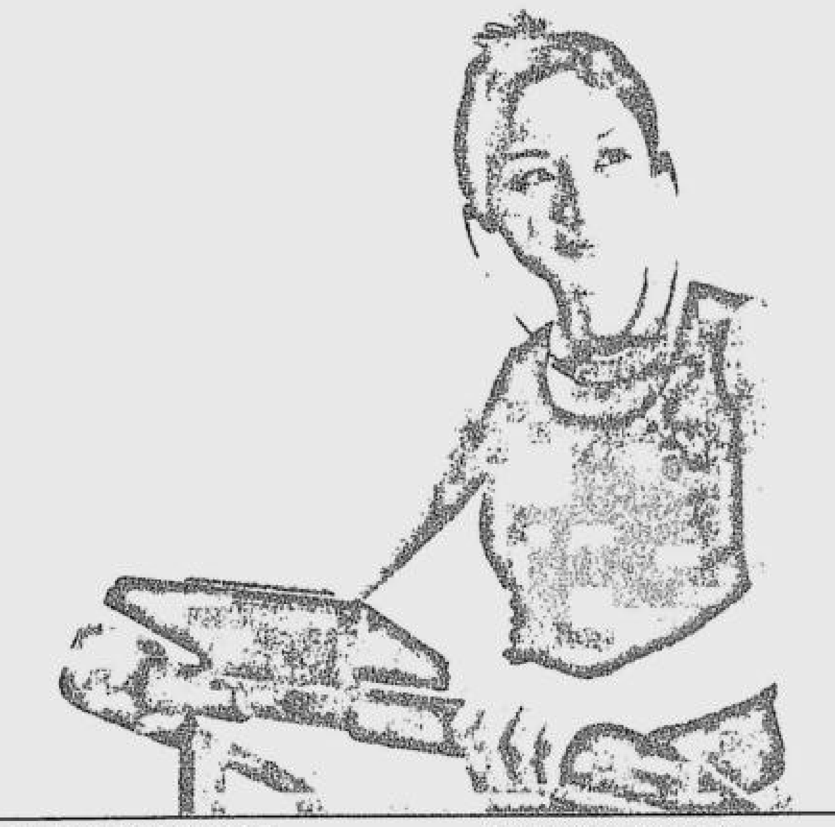

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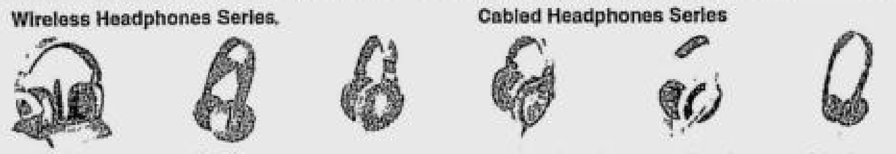

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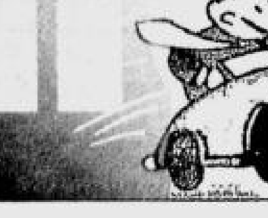

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Rowers rectify errors, snare bronze

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Rectifying their errors the day before, Filipino rowers won the country's first medal yesterday in the 14th Asian Games here.

It was a bronze medal but its arrival was more than the glitter of gold, the equivalent of a first child born to a couple wedded in worldly bliss.

"The adjustments we made paid off," said Nestor Ilagan, the technical director of the rowing team.

Because two bronze medals were lost due to tactical flaws on Wednesday, Alvin Amposta and Nestor Cordova were ordered by coach Ed Maerina to reverse their approach in yesterday's finals of the lightweight doubles sculls.

From Wednesday's tactic of starting slow before pouring it all in the homestretch, the rowers immediately made a fast start to produce the country's first Asiad medal in rowing.

"The wind conditions guided us to devise the new strategy," said Ilagan. "Today we sailed with the wind unlike last Wednesday when we were against the wind."

The 23-year-old Amposta, from Abucay, Bataan, paddled in unison with the Bacolod-born Cordova, 24, for the Filipinos' easy bronze medal victory.

It was also an upset of sorts for the duo as their victim was the favored North Korea, which placed fourth, five far seconds behind the Philippines.

Hong Kong was fifth and Indonesia sixth.

Japan's bets upset favored China. The Japanese barely beat the Chinese but were six seconds ahead of the Filipinos, who timed 7:17.84 in the 2000-meter double sculls.

"This should be a cause for celebration for us," said Ilagan. "This is the Asian Games, where only the best of Asia are competing."

The bronze medal finish more than made up for the sorry bronze setbacks suffered by Benjamin Tolentino and Jose Rodriguez on Wednesday.

AMPOSTA (left) and Cordova en route to bagging the bronze medal in the lightweight double sculls.

JESS YUSON

South downs North

BUSAN, South Korea—In one magic moment, men's basketball players from North and South Korea huddled together in a circle on the center of the basketball court—a living symbol of Korea's reunification dream.

Seconds after South Korea defeated North Korea, 101-85, in their quarterfinal round Asian Games matchup here Thursday, every player from both teams gathered at center court to the cheers of a capacity crowd of 5,000 at Geumjeong Gym.

"We didn't talk much," South Korea's Seo Jang-Hoon said. "We just said, 'Nice game. We were really glad to play with you."

After 10 seconds, the moment passed. Reunification of the political rival nations was again left to politicians. But having North and South national hoop teams meet for the first time on the Korean peninsula was a landmark moment.

"It has a very large meaning that we played together on the same court," South Korea coach Kim Jin said. *AFP*

Shooting . . .

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roster of entries.

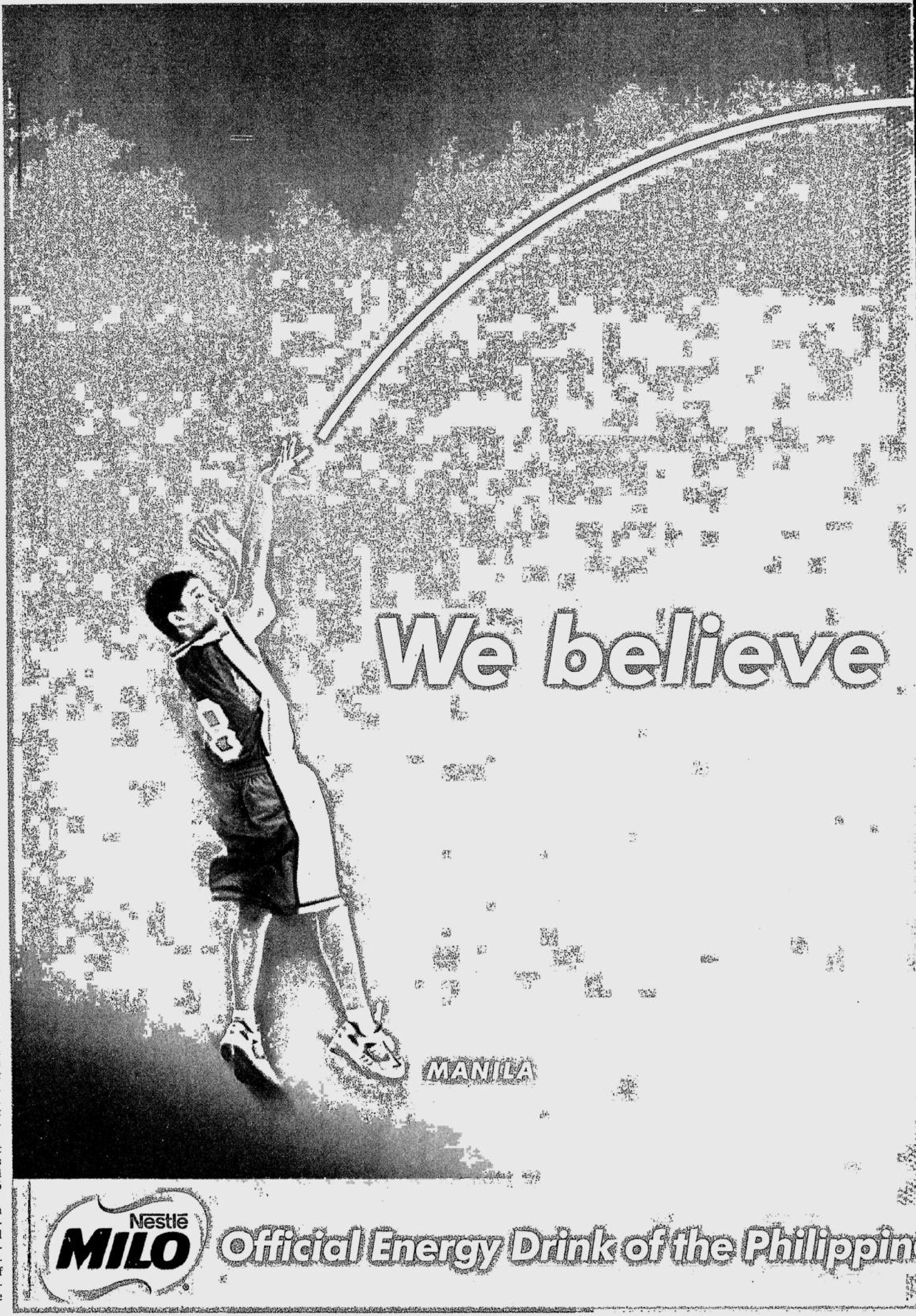
The Philippine quintet will resume its march to an anticipated stint in the semifinals as it takes on lowly Chinese Taipei, a team it had beaten twice during tuneup matches back in Manila.

A minor source of joy was provided by the golfers when the men's team tied for third with Japan and the women's squad was fourth after first round of play.

"I believe the gold is within our grasp this time," said Benny Gopez, the team captain. "Both squads are in shape and, given the right breaks and with some help from God Almighty, we might yet make it to the victory stand."

Ramon Brobio last won the country's golf gold in Seoul during the 1986 Asian Games.

"Our teams are in high spirits and I believe they'll contend for the title," said Admiral Louie Fernandez, vice president of the National Golf Association of the Philippines.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Gamo RP boxing team's first casualty

By Roy Luarca

Boxing

BUSAN, South Korea—Bantamweight Ferdie Gamo became the Philippine boxing team's first casualty yesterday, suffering a heartbreaking 11-10 decision to Uzbekistan's Khidirov Bekzod in the 14th Asian Games boxing competitions here.

The 27-year-old Gamo from Bago City gamely traded punches with the Uzbek, who had beaten Syrian Wahbeh Abdullah in the first round, but fell one landed punch short of advancing to the quarterfinal round.

"*Sayang*, it was really close," said Manny Lopez, president of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines. "I hope we can bounce back tomorrow."

Lopez is pinning his hopes on American-trained Christopher Camat and Tanamor to put the boxers back on track today. Camat, who drew a first round bye, will be facing Pakistan's Kashif Muntaz in the light middleweight class while Tanamor will be fighting China's Zuo Shiming in the second round of the light flyweight category.

A victory by Camat, who gave up his job as a furniture showroom consultant in Los Angeles two years ago, to pursue his dream of becoming a world champion, will assure him of the bronze medal.

EFREN "Bata" Reyes ponders his next shot against Hsia Hui-kai of Chinese Taipei during their 8-ball singles semifinal match in the Asian Games yesterday. Reyes lost, 7-9.

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(Korea time, 1 hour ahead of RP time)

Swimming

10 a.m.—H. Ong, women's 50m free (heats);M. Molina, C. Piccio, 400m indiv. med (heats); L. Dacanay, L. Danila, women's 200m back (heats); L. Dacanay, L. Danila, J. Guerrero, H. Ong, women's 4 x 100m med relay (heats) Note: Finals of these events start at 7 p.m.

M. Mendoza, 1500m free (finals)

Baseball

6 p.m.—RP vs Korea

Basketball

3 p.m.—RP vs Chinese-Taipei

Billiards

10 a.m.—M. Manalo, J. Ortega, snooker singles (prelim); W. Klamco, A. Lining, 9-ball pool singles (prelim); R. Grandea, partie libre singles (qrtr finals depending on previous round results)

1 p.m.—Snooker singles, 9-ball pool singles (prelim), partie libre singles (semifinals)

4 p.m.—Snooker singles, 9-ball pool singles (prelim), partie libre singles (semifinals)

7 p.m.—Snooker singles, 9-ball pool singles (pre-qrtrfinal)

Bowling

9 a.m. to 12 noon—Women's doubles (L. del Rosario, C. Yap, L. Clutario, I. Garcia-Benitez, J. Canare, K. Lopez)

1 to 4 p.m., 5 to 8 p.m.—Men's doubles, A & B squads (P. Nepomuceno, R. Bautista, C. King, L. Rey Jr., C. Suarez, E. Rivera)

Boxing

2 p.m.—C. Camat vs K Muntaz, Pakistan, 71kg (light middleweight), first round; H. Tanamor vs Z. Shiming, China, 48kg (light flyweigfht), second round

Cycling

10 to 10:35 a.m.—B. Dimacali, sprint 200m (qualification)

1:30 to 2 p.m.—B. Dimacali, 1km time trial (finals)

Fencing

10 a.m.—E. Davila, W. Mendoza, E. Velez, sabre team (prelim); L. Bauzon, L. Reyes, L. San Diego, women's epee team (prelim)

6 p.m.—Sabre team finals

7:30 p.m.—Women's epee team finals

Golf

9 a.m.—J. Delariarte, M. Dizon, J. Pagunsan, A Que, team/individual (second round)

10: 30 a.m.—H. Chua, R. Quiazon, C. Villaroman, team/individual (second round)

Gymnastics

6 to 7:20 p.m.—C. de Guzman, P. Espiritu, vault/uneven bars, finals

Sailing

11 a.m.—R. Balladares, R. Chavez, J. Villena, L. Taroja, all classes, men/women, (3rd, 4th races)

Shooting

9 to 10:50 a.m.—T. Cantada, women's 25m pistol

3 p.m.—Women's 25m pistol finals

Soft Tennis

9 a.m.—W. de Leon Jr., R. Paguyo, men's doubles (prelim); P. Bantay, J. Paguyo. women's doubles (prelim); qrtrfinals, semifinals; qualification (1st round, 5th-6th places), qualification (3rd-4th places); qualification (5th-6th places)

Wrestling

10 a.m. to 12 noon—M. Baletin, 74kg, Greco-Roman (classification, semifinal, 3rd-4th finals, depending on previous round results)

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Clutario bags bronze; Paeng settles for 4th

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—Liza Clutario took the cudgels for the Filipino bowlers yesterday, clinching the bronze medal four-time World Cup champion Paeng Nepomuceno narrowly missed in the singles competition of bowling in the 14th Asian Games here.

Recovering from a weak start, the 22-year-old Clutario rolled big games of 234, 227 and 236 to edge teammate Ma. Liza del Rosario, who closed with an explosive 259, for third place in the women's division at the Homeplus Asiad Bowling Alley.

Clutario finished with a 1308 total and a 218 average as against the 1362 and 227 average of South Korean winner Kim Sookyung. Japan's Miyuki Kubotani copped the silver with her 1334 total and 222.33 average.

The 22-year-old Clutario, a BS-BA management graduate from Letran, thus assured the bowlers of at least duplicating their one bronze production, through Virgilio Sablan in the men's singles, in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad.

Still, Nepomuceno's shortfall was tough to take.

Nepomuceno, showing the stuff of legend that he is in tenpin, shot a 257 and a 268 in his last two games to vault to fourth place from the middle pack of the men's division.

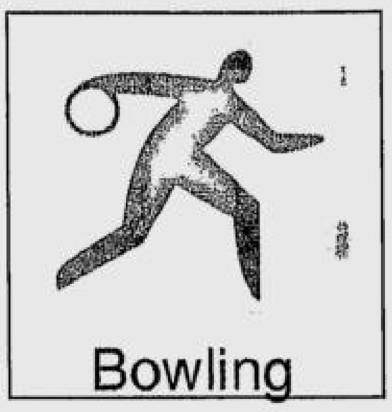
Counting his earlier efforts of 226, 220, 178 and 203, the 45-year-old Nepomuceno pooled a 1352 for an average of 225.3.

United Arab Emirates Hussain Mohd took the plum with a 1372 aggregate and a 'lofty 228.67 average. He was followed by Hong Kong's Eric Yan Kwok Lau with a 1364 and a 227.33 average and countryman Abdulla Mubarak, who totaled 1363 for a 227.17 average.

Another Filipino, Leonardo Rey landed 23rd with a 1238 total and a 206.33 average.

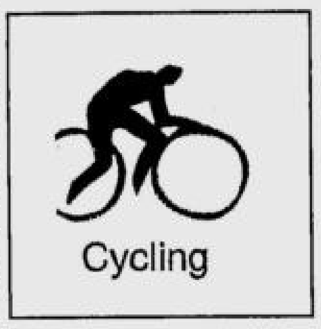
Christian Jay Suarez, Chester King, RJ Bautista and Engelberto Rivera are still completing their six-game series in the men's division.

Apart from Clutario and Del Rosario, the other Filipinas who competed were Josephine Canare (31st), Irene Garcia Benitez (32nd), Ann Kathlyn Lopez (38th) and Ma. Cecilia Yap (39th).



Pinoy cyclists finish way below standings

By Roy Luarca



BUSAN, South Korea—The spirit was willing but the body wasn't responding.

Filipino riders Merculio Ramos Jr. and Victor Espiritu were unable to cope with the torrid pace set by the entries from the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and finished way below the standings in the men's 169.4km individual road race of the 14th Asian Games cycling competitions here.

Ramos wound up 12th among 28 starters after clocking 4 hours, 25 minutes and 52 seconds, while Espiritu was six notches lower with a time of 4:26:54.

Uzbekistan's Sergey Krushevskiy clinched the gold medal in 4:18:59, beating Kazakhstan's Alexandre Vinokourou (4:18:24) in their wild dash to the finish in the last kilometer.

Hong Kong's Wong Kam Po, a former Marlboro Tour champion like Espiritu, took the bronze in 4:19:17, towing Kyrgyzstan's Evgeney Vakker (4:20:31).

Uzbekistan's Rafael Nuritdinov and Kazakhstan's Serguei Yakovlev checked in together in 4:24:13.

It will be Bryan Dimacali's turn to seek a medal today when he competes in the 200m sprint qualifying and the 1km time trials.

The 5-foot-10 Merculio, who took 8th in the last Tour of Langkawi, did try to keep up with the frontrunners but soon wilted due to the uphill, winding terrain that forced five entries to give up.

Swimming woes continue

By Roy Luarca

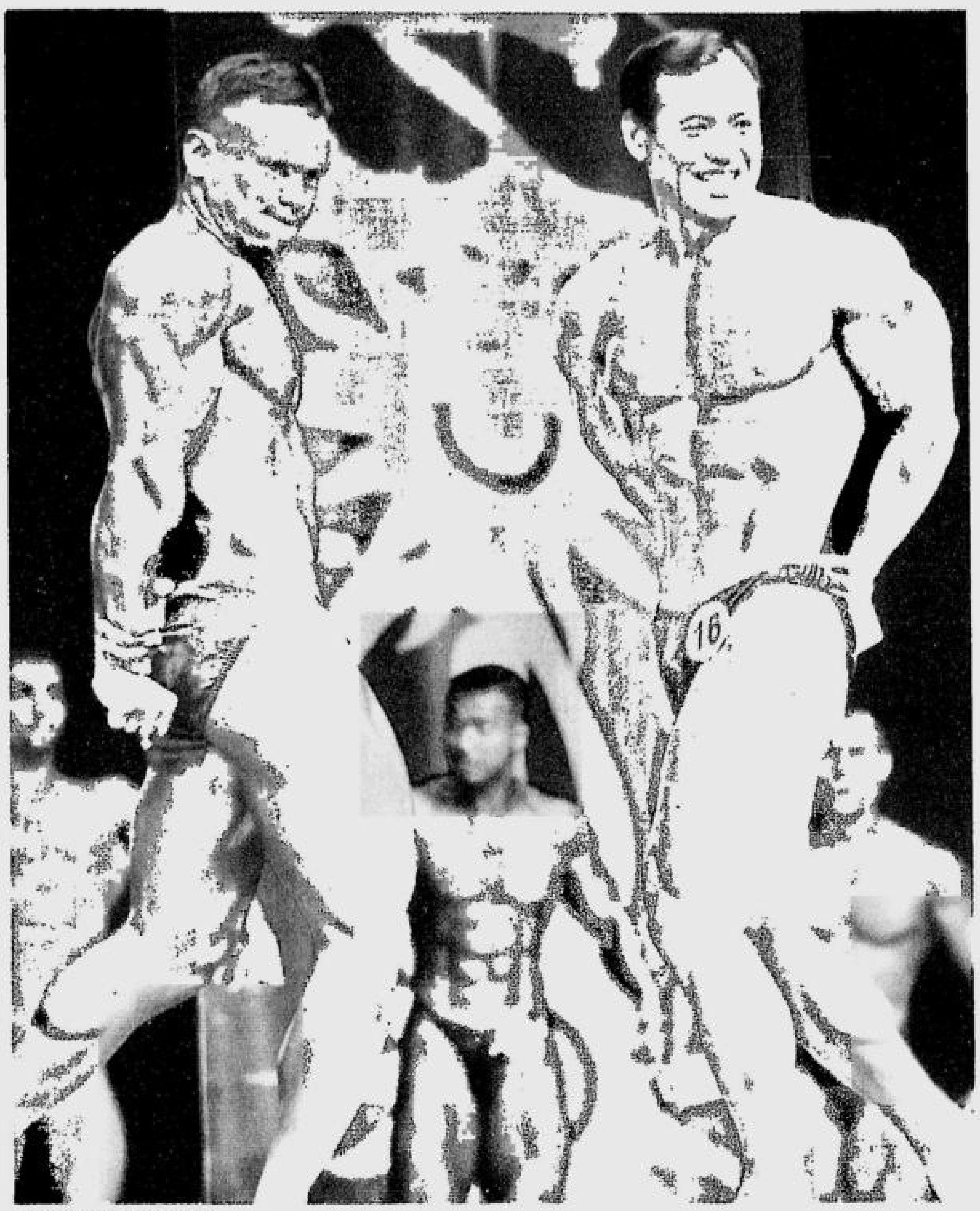
BUSAN, South Korea—As the 14th Asian Games progresses, the fate of Filipino swimmers dims.

For the fourth straight day of action, they failed to bag a medal at the Sanjik Swimming Pool and left doubts as to their capability to snare even one of the 129 medals at stake in the event being dominated by the world-class Chinese and Japanese.

Yesterday, three Filipino swimmers were again beaten with only Jenny Guerrero surviving the trials in the 200-meter breaststroke.

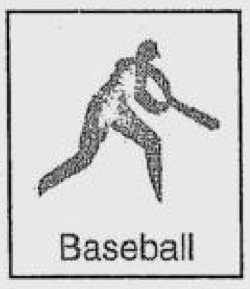
Guerrero ranked fifth in heat 2, but she was actually the eighth and last qualifier with her clocking of 2:38.74.

Ranged against the best qualifying time of 2:31.04 submitted by China's Qi Hui in the same heat, it was evident that Guerrero doesn't stand a chance in the finals slated in the night.



BODYBUILDERS
Japan's Hirota Toshihiko (right) and Seladin Bin Mohammad Nazaruddin of Singapore flex their bodies during a preliminary session of the 70 kg's bodybuilding contest in the 14th Asian Games yesterday. This is the first time that the bodybuilding is added as a medal sports in the Asiad. AP

Clouters blanked by Japan



BUSAN, South Korea—The Filipino clouters came here seeking respect. Their Japanese opponents did not give them any yesterday.

Thoroughly dominating the Filipinos, the Japanese accounted for five runs in the third inning and went on to post a 12-0 victory in the baseball competitions of the 14th Asian Games at the 30,000-seater Sajik Stadium.

Showing why they are among the world's top five teams, the Japanese bombarded the Filipinos with 18 hits, producing a run each in the first two innings before breaking away.

The Filipinos made only two hits, but were unable to convert them into runs.

They next face the South Koreans at 6 p.m. (5 p.m. in Manila) today, hoping for a reversal of fortune. The Koreans are battling the Taiwanese in yesterday's other game.

Though perceived to be not as strong as the Japanese, the Koreans are favored over the Filipinos, who were given the go signal to participate by the Philippine Olympic Committee only a few weeks before the Asiad started.

Completing the 5-team baseball roster is China. *R. Luarca*

Roxas guest in Golf Show opening today

THE CURTAINS are raised for the seventh Philippine International Golf Show at Hall 2 of the SM Megamall today (Friday, Oct. 4) with Industry Secretary Mar Roxas and Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza as main guests.

The opening program starts at 10 a.m. with Roxas and Mendoza, both avid golfers, expected to deliver brief speeches centered on the promotion of the golf tourism and the sport as a whole.

Highlighting the affair is the awarding of the Personality Award by the organizing Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines headed by its president Raymund Atendido to jungolf founder Amalia "Mommy" Montecillo. Montecillo will be honored for her contributions to the promotion of the sport in the country.

Immediately after the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon by the dignitaries, at least 100 hundred booths exhibiting the newest products in the golf industry will be opened for viewing.

Show sponsors are Greg Norman and US Golf Kids through its distributor Planet Sports Inc., Lexber Holiday International, Gold's Gym, Asia Brewery/Absolute, Del Monte Philippines, Bravo Restaurant, Continental Airlines, Guam Visitors Bureau, Standard Chartered, Jimac Inc. and Casino Filipino, Quest Broadcasting, Crossover, and Joey 92.3.

Exhibit chair Gerald Raymundo said that a weekend of fun awaits visitors with the participating companies making their own promotional gimmicks like raffles, chipping contests and many more. A special tournament for Golo, an exciting golf dice game, jointly sponsored by Standard Chartered and Golfers Clubs Inc. will put a golf set and other prizes up for grabs.

The show is one of the biggest in Asia counting visitors as many as 3,000 each year.

Sabonis impresses new Blazers coach

TUALATIN, Oregon—The second day of Maurice Cheeks' second training camp as coach of the Portland Trail Blazers saw him smiling and gushing about one of the new guys.

It isn't an uncommon occurrence; coaches can be giddy about a flashy rookie.

But what made this unique was that Cheeks was effusive about a 37-year-old, six-year NBA veteran.

Arvydas Sabonis, the 2.21-meter (7-foot-3) center who missed Cheeks' first year with the Blazers while in a one-year retirement, scrimmaged for the first time Wednesday. The nearly 135-kilogram (300-pound) Lithuanian looked surprisingly good for this early in camp.

"We had a great practice today," Cheeks said. "A lot of energy, a lot of guys participating and getting to see more of Sabonis. I'm loving every minute of that."

Likewise, Sabonis' teammates seemed pleased to have the big man back.

While his jump shot was a little flat, Sabonis showed off his passing abilities from the low post.

"He's a great passer out of the post, he's always been a great passer," guard Damon Stoudamire said.

"Sabas is looking good right now. He played well today in practice, he did a lot of good things. One thing with him is you've got to keep on moving ... he likes to get people involved."

The Blazers haven't yet had a full-court scrimmage, and Sabonis hasn't had to run up and down the court–which is where his aching joints will take the most pounding. *AP*

26 Days to NBA opening on Oct. 30. Did you know that the LA Clippers have an NBA-high 11 players aged 26 years old and below on their roster for this season? Vastly athletic and high-scoring, these Clippers have been marked as one of the most exciting teams to watch in the NBA.

Angels, As tie series; Giants trip Braves

NEW YORK—Garret Anderson and Troy Glaus hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the eighth inning as the Anaheim Angles rallied to beat the New York Yankees, 8-6, in a wild American League Divisional Series Game Two on Wednesday.

The Angels evened the best-of-five series with the victory, with the series moving to Anaheim for Game Three on Friday.

Earlier, Eric Chavez hit a three-run homer and David Justice drove in three runs with a bases-loaded triple as the Oakland Athletics mauled the Minnesota Twins, 9-1, in the other ALDS game of the day to even their series at 1-1.

Anaheim had earlier blown a 4-0 lead, but the Angels got to reliever Orlando Hernandez (0-1) in the eighth inning for the two homers after the pitcher had tossed four shutout innings in relief of Andy Pettitte.

Angels reliever Francisco Rodriguez (1-0) got the win in relief of starter Kevin Appier, who went five innings. *Reuters*

Giants prevail

ATLANTA—Barry Bonds didn't have to come up big for the San Francisco Giants to get a jump on the Atlanta Braves.

The rest of the San Francisco hitters knocked around Atlanta's heralded pitching staff while Russ Ortiz threw seven strong innings, carrying the Giants to an 8-5 victory Wednesday in Game 1 of the NL division playoffs. *AP*

Dokic out; Anna injured

MOSCOW— Defending champion Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia was upset by South African Amanda Coetzer, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-3, Wednesday in the second round of the US$2.2 million Kremlin Cup while Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic beat sixth-seeded Thomas Johansson of Sweden in the first round.

In doubles, Dokic and partner Nadia Petrova of Russia defeated Russia's Anna Kournikova and Shaughannesy after Kournikova retired in the third set with an ankle injury. *Reuters*

SPORTSWATCH

Tecson, Garcia off to Australia

PHILIPPINE Airlines is sponsoring the participation of the Philippine Junior Golf Federation's top players in the 2002 Jack Newton International Junior Golf Classic scheduled to be held at the Oaks Club in Cessnock, New South Wales, Australia, on Oct. 8-11. Jenz Tecson of St. Stephen's High School and Frederick Garcia of Ann Arbor Montessori will leave tonight for Sydney on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 209. "We are into our 15th consecutive stint in one of Australia's major junior championships and we hope to play well again," said delegation head Edgardo "Tito Boy" Cantada. Accompanying the delegation as coach is Gerard Cantada–a multititled former junior golf player and now one of the most sought after golf teaching professionals. Among the prominent alumni of the event organized by one of Australia's top professionals were Aaron Baddeley, Scott Gardiner and Andrew Webster.

Delasin leads LPGA tilt cast

VALLEJO, California—The small field at the Samsung World Championship includes the biggest names in women's professional golf. Annika Sorenstam, the LPGA's leading money-winner, is among the 20 players in the elite-field event, along with Juli Inkster, Se Ri Pak and Karrie Webb, the other winners of the majors in 2002. Defending champion Dorothy Delasin and the tour's top 16 money-winners will be joined by the respective leading winners of the Japanese, Korean and European tours. The 72-hole tournament begins Thursday at Vallejo's Hiddenbrooke Golf Club, with the winner to get $162,000 of the $775,000 purse. *AP*

U-Bix Pro-Am tilt listing on

REGISTRATION for the 2002 U-Bix-Riviera National Pro-Am, set at the Riviera Golf and Country Club's Couples course from Nov. 13-16, started yesterday. "Teams may sign up either at the National Golf Association of the Philippines or Riviera Golf and Country Club," said Bert Bravo and Danny Pizarro, the men behind the event's revival. Their joint announcement came after their meeting with members of the organizing committee at the Caffe Appossionato in Makati City. Bravo, the U-Bix Corporation president, revived the tournament last year after its home, the Fort Bonifacio Golf and Country Club, was sold in 1995. "When Bert approached us to stage the venue, the board readily accepted," said Commodore Pizarro, the Riviera Golf and Country Club president.

Sampras quits ATP tourneys

BASEL, Switzerland—US Open champion Pete Sampras has withdrawn from all remaining ATP tournaments this season, organizers of this month's Swiss Indoors event said Wednesday. Sampras has not played since winning the US Open, his 14th Grand Slam singles title, last month in New York Sampras' withdrawal means he will not start in the Basel event, which opens Oct. 19, and will miss Masters Series events in Madrid, Spain, and Paris. Sampras is taking time to consider his future. "Since winning the US Open on Sept. 8, I have been taking some time to reevaluate where I want to go from here," Sampras said in a statement released by the ATP. *AP*

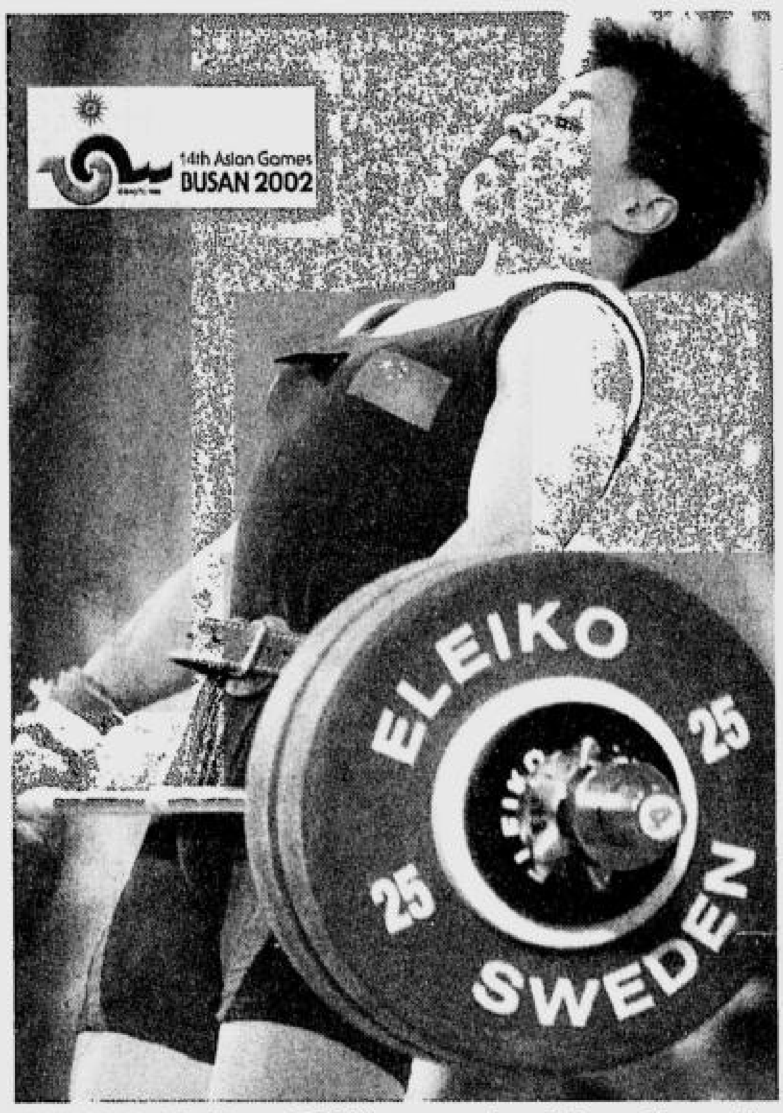
Tyson issues $10-M challenge

ROCKVILLE, Maryland—Mike Tyson is challenging a $10 million divorce settlement with his second wife. Monica Turner Tyson, a pediatric resident at Georgetown University Medical Center, sued her husband for divorce in January, accusing the former heavyweight boxing champion of adultery. A week after Tyson lost to Lennox Lewis in June, she filed to stop her husband from spending his fight earnings, according to documents unsealed recently in Montgomery County Circuit Court. 5. *AP*

ASIAD ROUNDUP

Chinese gold medal machine grinds on

By Phil Brown
AP Writer



CHINA'S Liu Xia lifts up 137.5 kilograms to break the world record in the clean and jerk section of the Asian Games women's 63kg weightlifting Thursday. Liu won the gold medal with total lifts of 240 kilograms. AP

BUSAN, South Korea—The Chinese finally lost an Asian Games rowing race. They took note of that disappointment Thursday, even though it barely slowed the flow of gold medals into Chinese hands.

Meanwhile, as the Chinese were collecting 22 of the day's 41 gold medals, five nations won their first of these games—Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Uzbekistan and Iran.

The loss in lightweight doubles sculls rowing was notable because China swept all 11 rowing races in the 1998 games, missed only one gold here and has won 57 of 60 Asian Games rowing races since 1982.

"We are disappointed, although we knew before the games that the Japanese rivals are actually stronger than we are," said Yang Maozong, who was in the losing pair.

Still, China increased its overall gold total to 58, far ahead of Japan's 20 and South Korea's 15.

Contributing to the day's deluge, Chinese won six rowing races and swept all of the day's six shooting golds.

Liu Xia became the third Chinese weightlifter to break or tie a world record here. She beat the old mark by one-half kilogram Thursday in the clean and jerk in the women's 63-kilogram division.

Teammate Zhang Guozheng won in the men's 69-kilogram class.

Six swimming races ended in an even split between China and Japan. China also captured both the men's and women's all-around titles in gymnastics and won one gold each in judo, women's freestyle wrestling and women's saber team fencing.

Aside from its three swimming victories, Japan won two golds in judo, one in Greco-Roman wrestling and one from the rowing victory by Daisaku Takeda and Kazushige Ura.

South Korea won one gold each in bowling, women's foil team fencing and Greco-Roman wrestling. It also captured both the men's and women's team events in softball tennis, an Asian variant played on a regular tennis court but with different equipment and scoring.

In both events, the Koreans went undefeated in round-robin play. In both, Japan won silver and Taiwan bronze, and China placed fourth.

Kim Soo-kyung won South Korea's gold in women's singles bowling, rolling 1,362 for six games.

Kazakhstan won in two Greco-Roman wrestling divisions and had four gold medals in all.

Uzbekistan won its first gold medal of the games when Sergey Krushevskiy finished 25 seconds ahead of Kazakstan's Alexandre Vinokourov in the men's 169.4-kilometer cycling road race.

NBN program sked

9 a.m.-10 a.m.—Judo and weightlifting finals

10 a.m.-12 nn—Women's volleyball (Taipei vs China)

1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.—Fencing finals

2 p.m.-3 p.m.—Swim heats

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—Billiards

4:30 p.m-6 p.m.—Boxing

6 p.m.-8 p.m.—Basketball: RP vs Chinese Taipei (q'finals); Swimming finals

10 p.m.-10:30 p.m.—Asian Games Recap

10:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.—Billiards or boxing

11:30 p.m.-12 mn—Judo finals

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ASIAN GAMES MEDAL STANDINGS

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOTAL
China	58	25	15	98
Japan	20	26	22	68
South Korea	15	17	27	59
Kazakhstan	4	4	5	13
N. Korea	3	7	7	17
Thailand	1	6	3	10
Chinese Taipei	1	4	6	11
Uzbekistan	1	4	6	11
Hong Kong	1	2	3	6
India	1	2	1	4
Iran	1	1	5	7
Singapore	1	0	1	2
Myanmar	0	3	1	4
Indonesia	0	2	3	5
Kyrgyzstan	0	2	1	3
Mongolia	0	1	6	7
Malaysia	0	1	2	3
Turkmenistan	0	1	1	2
United Arab Emirates	0	1	0	1
Tajikistan	0	1	0	1
Philippines	0	0	5	5
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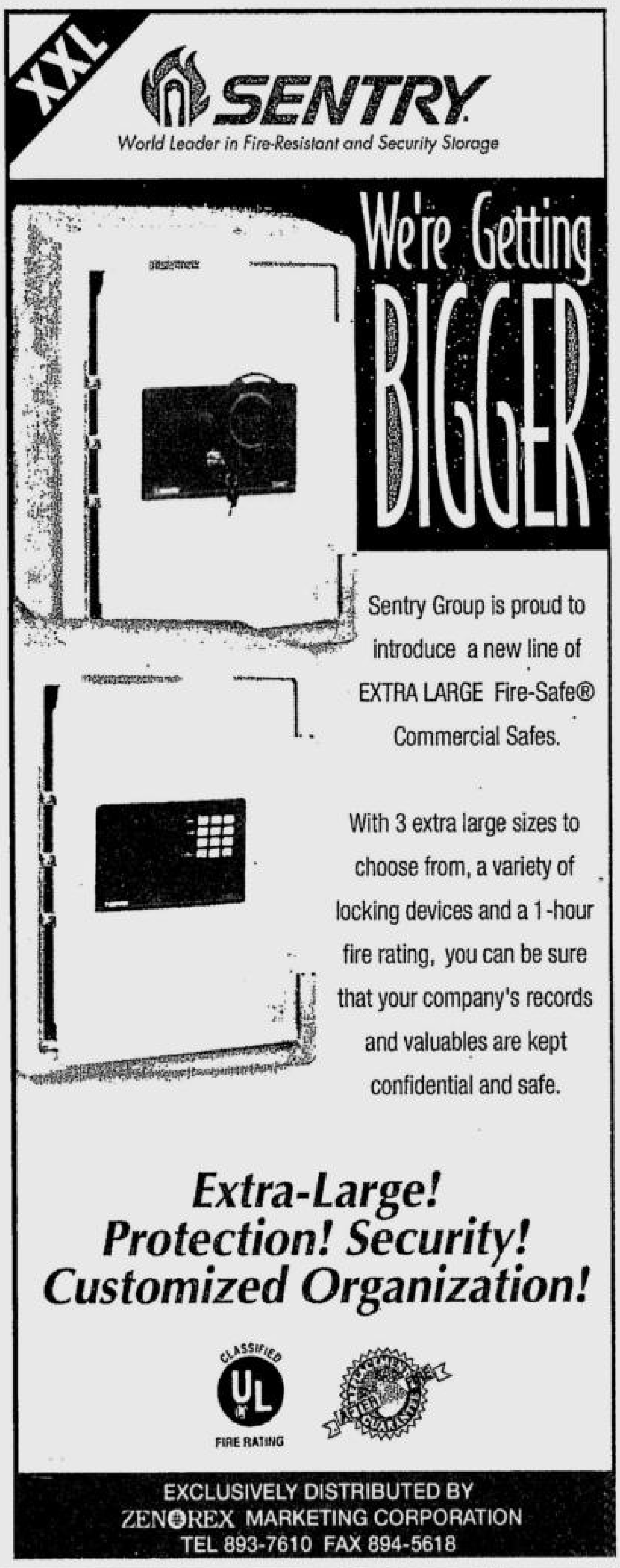
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Next Friday is another exciting 4-stag event with Julie Cui as host. Entry fee is P10,000 and cash prize at stake is P300,000.

Meanwhile, PCC managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano announced that a guaranteed prize of P150,000 plus a brand-new scooter is at stake in a 3-cock derby on Oct. 18. Entry fee is only P2,200.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1992, Danny Zarate shot an even par 71, posting a three-stroke victory over Eddie Bagtas in the Philip Morris Golf Classic at the Cebu Country Club. Also today in 1992, Irene Garcia notched 2783 pins over Arianne Cerdeña to bag the Masters title in the 3rd SJBA Open championships at Greenlanes.

SPORTSTV

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

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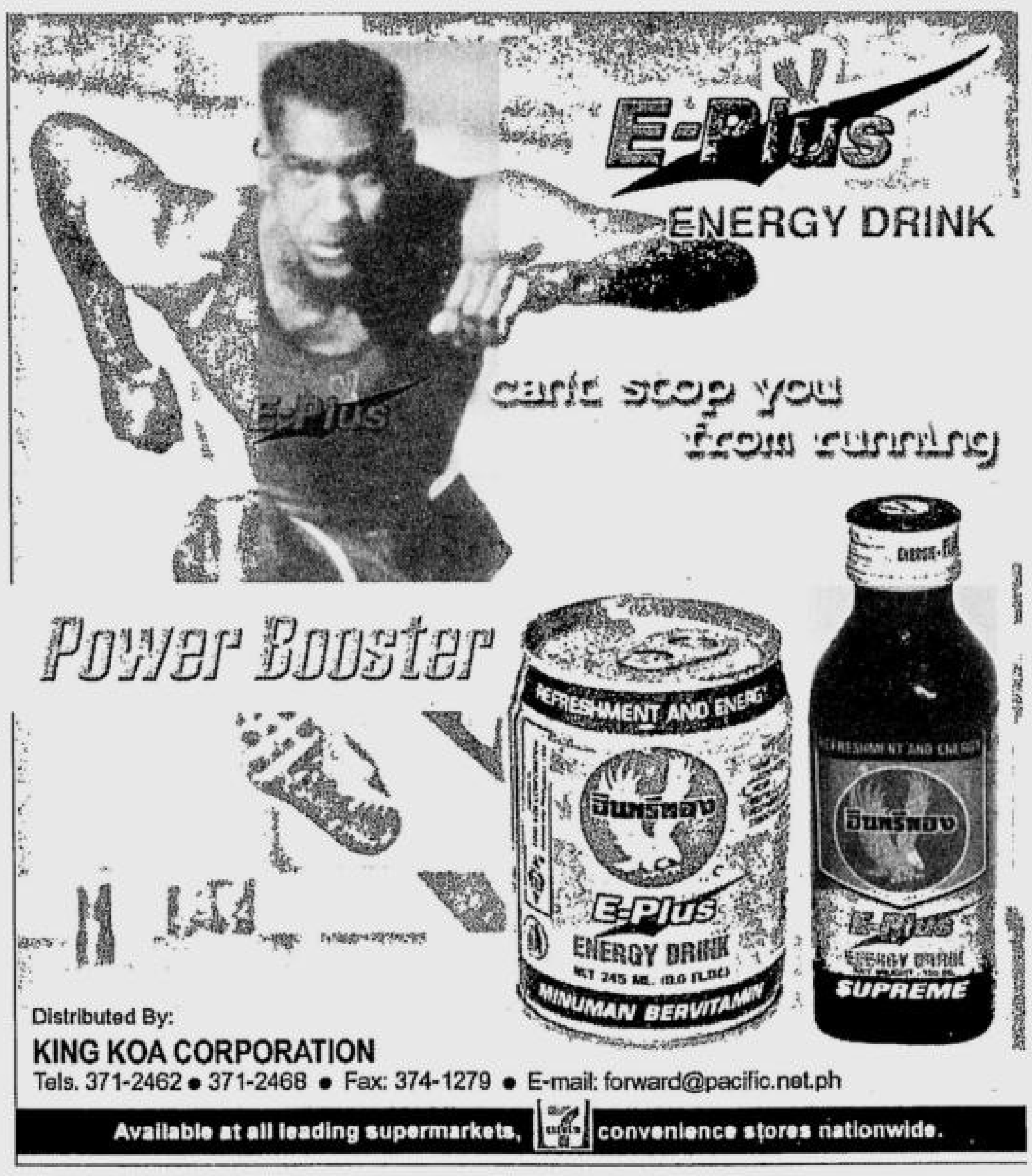
Inside the PGA Tour, 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 8:30 p.m., Star Sports
LPGA First Union Betsy King Classic, 6 p.m. (r), Star Sports
LPGA Williams Championship, 9:30 p.m., Star Sports
BASEBALL: MLB Division Series, 8 a.m. (r - 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.), ESPN
VOLLEYBALL: Asian Beach Volleyball Tour 2002, 10 a.m., Star Sports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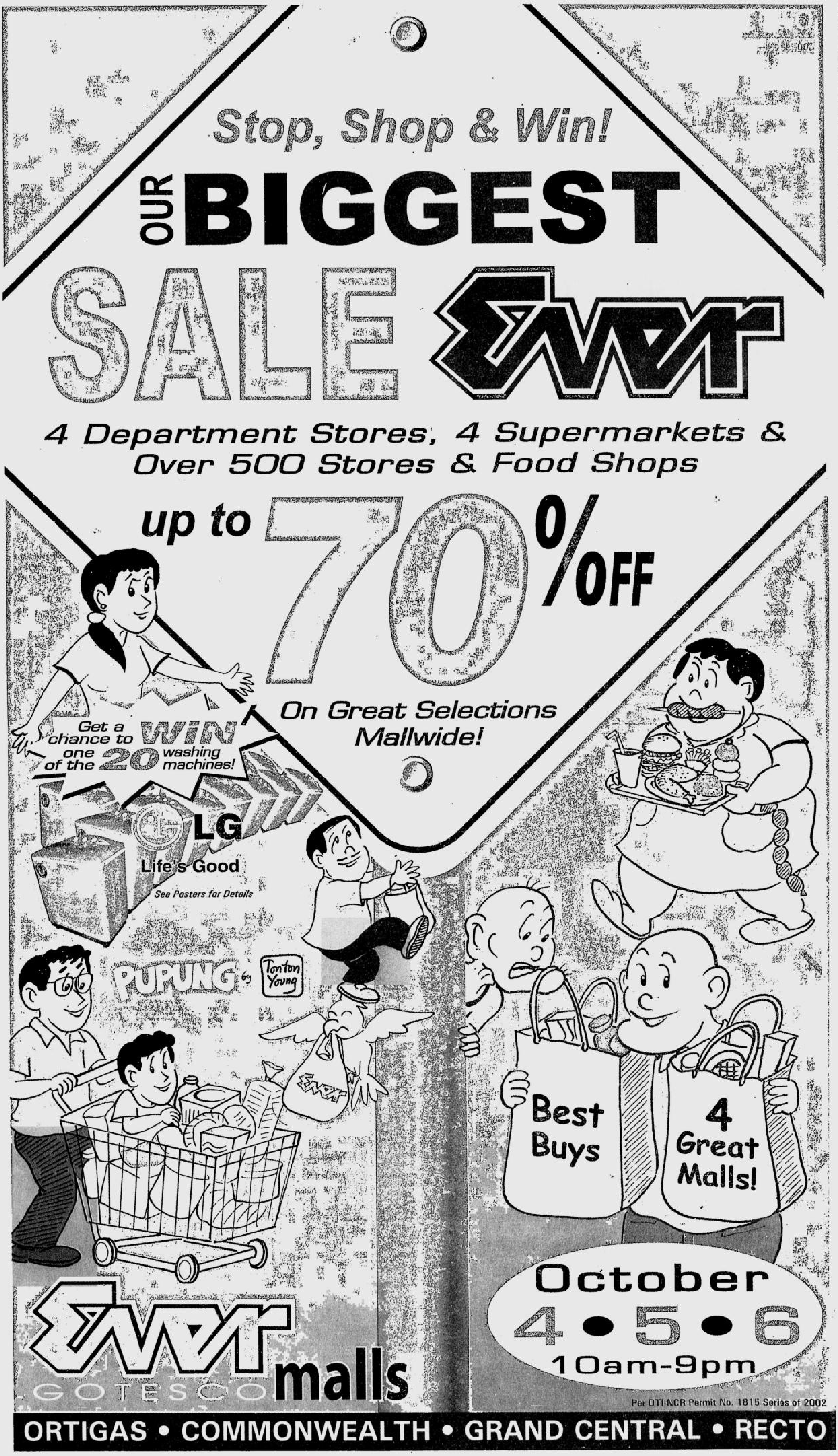
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Court denies petition to block NAIA auction

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE NINOY Aquino International Airport is in deeper trouble after the Court of Appeals junked a motion for reconsideration filed by airport officials to stop the Parañaque government from auctioning off the airport.

In a three-page resolution, the apellate court denied the petition by the Manila International Airport Authority to stop the city government from putting the country's premier airport on the auction block.

In its original petition, MIAA officials argued that the city government has no inherent power to impose realty taxes on them, claiming they are an "instrumentality of the government."

In their supplemental motion, they said Naia "is clothed with public interest, which makes it inalienable and free from the burden of taxation."

But Associate Justices Conrado Vasquez Jr., Andres Reyes Jr., and Amelita Tolentino ruled that the petitioner's claim of tax exemption was "betrayed" by the payments it had made representing real property taxes from 1992 to 1997.

"Such prior payments could only signify petitioner's recognition of respondent city's authority to collect realty taxes against the petitioner," the Court of Appeals ruled.

The court added that the Local Government Code does not exempt the Miaa from realty tax liabilities.

Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez yesterday hailed the court's decision, saying it is a triumph by and for the people of Parañaque.

"The law has spoken for itself," said Marquez. "The MIAA should pay what it owes our city government in back taxes. They shout not further waste taxpayers' money by elevating their case to the Supreme Court."

But Marquez clariffied that his government was not out to take control of the NAIA.

COURT/ A30

Grandfather kills wife, daughter, son-in-law

MAGNO

By Christian V. Esguerra

NO ONE could tell what drove Magno Cahutay, 66, to go on a rampage and kill his 65-year-old wife, daughter and son-in-law in their home in Parañaque City before dawn yesterday.

But Cahutay's grandson, Ulysses Fernandez, 8, and the boy's cousin Rosemarie Hernandez, 17, survived the attack.

Rosemarie was not hurt, but Ulysses suffered several stab wounds and is now confined at the Parañaque Medical Center.

Killed were Cahutay's wife Crisanta, his daughter Ofelia Fernandez and her husband Samuel, police said.

The victims died from several stab wounds in the body, police said.

Crisanta's body was found in the kitchen, and the bodies of Ofelia and her husband were found in their store, police said.

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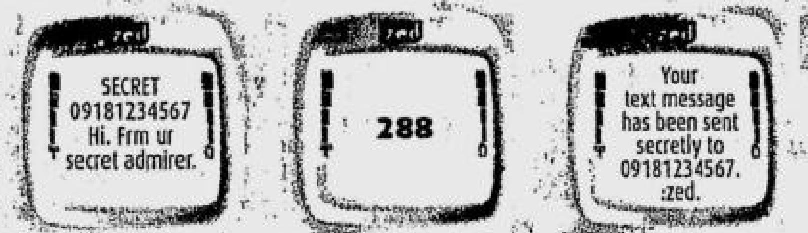

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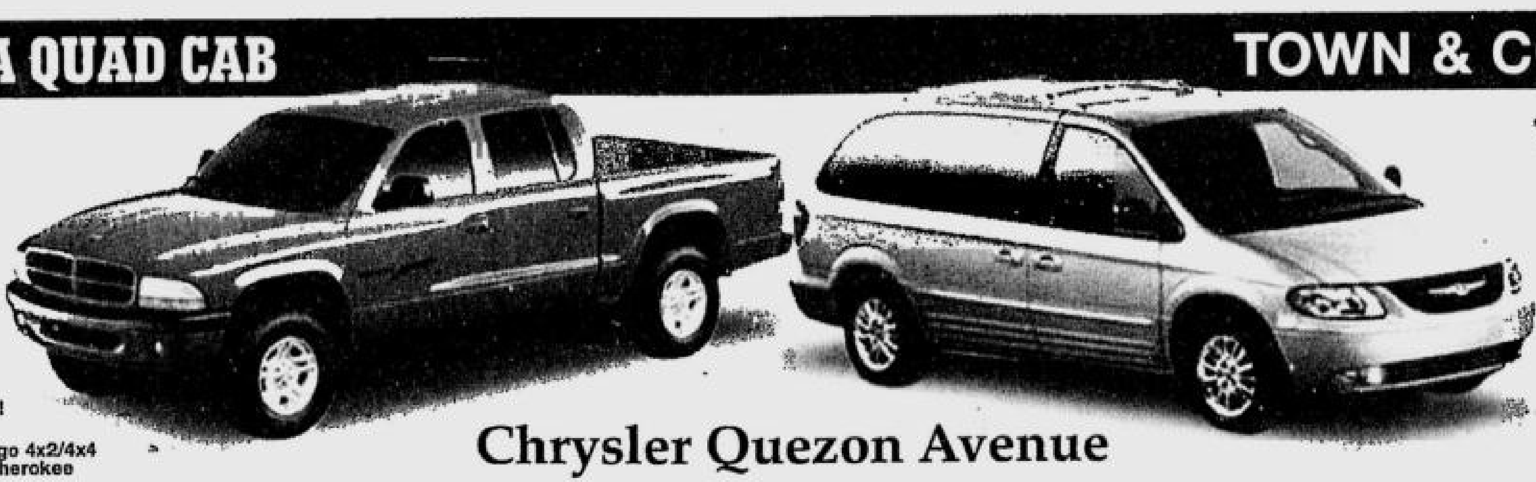

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Lawman's widow steals from top cop's aide

By Philip Tubeza

NOBODY apparently is safe from thieves these days.

Yesterday, it was the turn of the secretary of Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, Manila police chief, to fall prey to a thief.

Susan Q. Asia, lost P22,000 right inside Bulaong's office at the Western Police District headquarters.

Worse, investigators suspected that a policeman's widow stole the money.

Asia, 38, of Quezon City, told investigators that the thief stole her wallet yesterday morning.

The INQUIRER is withholding the suspect's name pending her arrest.

According to a police report, The suspect allegedly went to the District Director's Office on the second floor of the WPD headquarters at around 9:30 a.m. yesterday to follow up some documents.

Asia left her wallet on her desk while she went inside Bulaong's office to work on the suspect's request.

When Asia came out, she saw the suspect on her way out. The woman even told Asia she had to leave immediately.

Later, Asia broke down when she discovered her wallet was gone. She said she even lent the suspect some money.

The police are now looking for the suspect.

Bulaong was not in his office at the time of the incident.

Hunger strikers lash out at Fernando

By Leila B. Salaverria

"WE ARE not criminals. We are merely exercising our legitimate right to dissent."

Moises Rodriguez, president of the BF Metal Labor Union, lashed out at Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando, for allegedly ordering the illegal dispersal of dismissed employees of BF Metal.

Rodriguez said MMDA personnel demolished and confiscated the belongings of the hunger strikers at around 10 a.m. yesterday.

"The dispersal is a violation of our constitutional right to peaceably assemble in order to air our grievances," Rodriguez said.

But according to Angelito Vergel De Dios, head of the MMDA Traffic Operations Center, the protesters were not dispersed and were merely transferred to another location in front of the MMDA building. He said the protesters had to be removed from their previous location because the MMDA had to cement that part of the property.

"We cannot delay the cementing of that area (on account of the hunger strikers)," he said. "Besides, it would not be good if we started cementing the area while the protesters are still there."

The cementing of the area in front of the MMDA's main office started yesterday.

Asked about the workers' complaints that they had not been given prior notice, Vergel De Dios said there was no need for that.

"They don't even have a permit (to hold a hunger strike there)," he said. "Do they need to be notified?"

Around 10 employees of BF Metal in Cainta, Rizal started their hunger strike on Monday. The workers said Fernando had unfairly dismissed them. They vowed to continue with their protests until they are reinstated in their old positions.

"(Fernando) is critically mistaken in believing that the workers would be cowed into silence and submission," Rodriguez said. "We would go on with our protests until the workers are reinstated and given justice."

"An injury to one is an injury to all," said Victor Briz, chair of the Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino. "This brutal dispersal is an insult to all workers."

Representatives of militant groups BMP, Kongreso ng Pagkakaisa ng Maralitang Lungsod and the Metro Manila Vendors' Association vowed to support the workers by holding an indignation rally and a sympathy fast tomorrow.

"Street vendors sympathize with the workers of BF Metal since we are both victims of state repression and of Fernando's despotism. We reiterate our call for the resignation of Fernando as MMDA chair," said Pedring Fadrigon, MMVA president.

Sidewalk vendors have been taking to the streets to protest Fernando's sidewalk clearing operations, saying he is taking away their livelihood and calling him "anti-poor."

Fernando has vowed to continue with his clearing operations because he said it is his duty to implement the law.

Slow-mo catches how Philippines did it over Japan

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

NOW that the screaming, blood-pumping, very scary basketball battle against Japan has been won, the next thing to ask is: Who really did it for the Philippine team?

OK, team games are, strictly speaking, won through group effort. Never by a solitary scoring star.

But, in close, cliff-hanger chases, when single flip of the wrist or an innocent-looking nudge could, indeed, open the door to the deciding difference, we have no choice but to pinpoint our man of the hour.

We have to answer the inevitable.

Who really did it? And our choice of the best man from the winning team need not be the highest scorer.

He could be the one who delivered the key blow and, by golly, we don't mean here the winning goal.

There's this wit from Pangasinan who loves to crow that the "difference is the same." In the case of the Japanese team on Wednesday, however it was never the same again after their scoring star, Akihiko Orimo, was felled by a phantom blow to the belly-button with a little over six minutes left and Japan still ahead.

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So who really won it for RP over Japan on Wednesday?

It was a tough task singling out the game hero.

Sev Sarmenta, who heroically held forth all by his lonesome to deliver to home fans the thrilling blow-by-blow, had two ready names on his list. He picked either Olsen Racela or Jeffrey Cariaso.

In the same breath, Sev spoke glowingly of Japan's Akihiko Orimo, whom he said finished with 33 points and nearly succeeded in shooting RP out of the medal race.

But what happened to Orimo? I asked Mr. Sarmenta. He turned meek, Sev explained, he simply failed to score a single basket after completing a 4-point play and giving Japan a 7-point edge in the final quarter.

Sev, looking glad but visibly drained from his classic one-man stand, sounded very mystified.

Orimo did not have to leave the game after picking himself up from the floor and flipping in the free-shot to complete a rare 4-pointer. But the Japanese surprise package just went blank all the way from that point.

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Honestly, unlike with the RP game against overrated North Korea, I never had a full glance of that thrilling match versus Japan.

I was actually on a slow Games service bus returning to the NBN headquarters at the IBC all the way from the Dongju College, where I covered the winning one-sided 8-ball match of Efren Bata Reyes against a straying barber from Kuwait.

Manny de Asis, NBN coverage point man, however kept me updated on the running score through his rented cellphone. Japan ahead by six close to the end of the first half.

Then, much later, with Japan still on top by three, I told Manny, after he announced the Japanese advantage had been cut down to only one, the RP would make it by three or four points.

We won, he announced as the service bus edged toward the IBC terminal, 79-75.

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Anyway, in the crowded and very busy NBN studio, technicians, editors, broadcasters and almost everyone were mumbling one name over and over again.

Dennis Espino. They were swearing that Espino saved the day for the Philippines. Naturally, I also investigated how Dennis did it, but nobody, including Sev, would agree to be quoted on what they saw and was able to confirm.

Let me confirm what I saw with the help of the slow-mo machine: Espino did it with a phantom blow to the belly.

It went like this: Orimo, sharp, and sly, slipped again from a zone dragnet, got a fleeting relay to left quartercourt. He did hesitate. The Japanese gunman jumped for a triple.

Espino, although a pulsebeat late, joined Orimo in flight and flipped an errant right fist as he headed down with his man. The 3-point basket went in, but down came Orimo tumbling, rolling in pain as he clasped his belly.

Orimo, out of breath, tried to signal to the referee while gesturing with a clenched fist, that got felled by a punch, a right cross.

He was rewarded with a free shot which he converted to give Japan a 68-61 edge, 6:50 left in the match.

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For the record, it must be repeated here that Espino's phantom punch did not put Omiro on the injury list. But the move had promptly and effectively prevented Orimo from inflicting further damage on the Philippine squad. He was disabled.

With the win, the Philippines is more or less assured of a slot in the four-team semis. It faces Chinese-Taipei before going up against fearful China for its last assignment in the quarterfinals.

Granting RP loses to China, deemed a great possibility bases on the tournament trend, it could move into the next round provided it beats the inexperienced Taiwanese team which it had victimized a couple of times in a pre-Asiad tune-up in Manila.

Now, they are asking if the RP team could beat South Korea which, based on the grouping, it would most likely meet in the semifinals.

Sev Sarmenta believes RP could do it over the host team.

For a reminder, in the 1969 Asian Basketball Confederation championship in Bangkok , there was no Filipino guard with guile and guts of Dennis Espino. A whole phalanx of sentinels was pushed up against Shin Dong Pa, but they all paled out like sitting ducks as the legendary Korean ace finished with 48 points. RP, after winning back the ABC crown in Seoul two years earlier, was dethroned.

Well, Mr. Shin has been telling Filipino reporters here that RP would beat South Korea. But Shin also cannot deny that he has reared several heir apparents in the Korean national team.

This is not meant to sow fear. But unlike Japan, South Korea, tough and resilient, is not the sort of squad which could be knocked out by a single phantom punch.

RP will be needing more than a gang of power-punching defenders.

18 charged for abducting Uratex scion

By Agnes Donato

CHARGES of kidnapping for ransom were filed yesterday before a Quezon City Regional Trial court against 18 men for the abduction of a daughter of the owner of Uratex Foam last year.

But only suspects Rolando Villaver and Edgardo Decipulo have been arrested for the kidnapping of Mary Grace Cheng-Paragas and her companions on June 18, 2001.

Three of the alleged kidnappers who remain at large were identified as Eugene Radam, Florante Concepcion and Joven Mercado.

Three others were identified only as Rolly, Alvin and Chiolo.

In the charge sheet, State Prosecutor Phillip Kimpo accused the 18 men of "conspiring" to kidnap Mary Grace Cheng-Paragas, daughter of Uratex owner Robert Cheng, her driver Dionisio Burca, and her bodyguard Valentin Torres.

Armed with high-powered guns, the accused abducted Cheng-Paragas and her companions in front of the Malcolm Hall in UP Diliman at 7:40 a.m. on June 18, 2001, records said.

The suspects then detained the victims in an undisclosed place until Cheng paid P15 million in ransom.

Prosecutor Kimpo recommended no bail for the accused.

Woman accuses mate of trying to kill her

By Agnes E. Donato

A WOMAN yesterday accused her husband of trying to kill her after she confronted him over his philandering.

Complainant Marcelina Paraan-de Guzman, of B.F. Homes, Quezon City, charged her husband Danilo de Guzman with attempted parricide before the Quezon City prosecutor's office.

She said that after he beat her up last month, she found a knife that she had bought and kept in a cabinet inside his room.

"I then came to the conclusion that indeed, my husband has all the intention of killing me," De Guzman said in her complaint. "I cannot understand how a person whom I have loved so much would, in the end, try to kill me."

Paraan-de Guzman related in her complainant that she had known her husband had been having affairs since 1997.

She said at one time, when he returned home drunk, she heard her husband say in Filipino that he could no longer leave a woman whom he loved very much.

She also noted that her husband's attitude toward his family started to change after the incident and that he would pick a fight with her and hurt her. She added he also became violent toward their son.

Later she learned that her husband was having an affair with a secretary in his office and had a child with her.

De Guzman said when she again confronted her husband about it, he got mad and threatened to kill her.

She said he grabbed her hair, banged her head several times on a post and even kicked her thigh and buttocks. She said he would have continued beating her up, but their son appeared.

Man shot in the mouth

By Alcuin Papa

A BULLET in the throat ended the life of salesman Edward Macaraya during a robbery in a passenger bus in Quezon City Wednesday night.

Macaraya, 33, of Litex Village, Montalban, Rizal, was declared dead on arrival at the Fairview General Hospital.

According to a report from the Central Police District, robbers held up a Jell Transport bus (PXJ-810) at around 9:30 p.m on Commonwealth Avenue.

Police said the victim was with his wife, Maria Delia, when five unidentified men armed with pistols and grenades declared a holdup.

The suspects moved quickly, taking the valuables, cell phones and cash of the bus passengers.

But Macaraya tried to resist the robbers, prompting one of the suspects to point his gun on the victim and calmly pull the trigger. The victim died instantly, police said.

The suspects quickly got off the bus after the shooting.

Police are now hunting down the suspects.

Court denies petition ...

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"We are enforcing collection of taxes on a property within our jurisdiction."

Patricio Asoy, executive assistant for legal affairs of Marquez, yesterday said the city government would immediately resume auction proceedings for NAIA.

The auction was initially set last Feb. 8 but the MIAA managed to buy more time after the apellate court granted a temporary restraining order.

As of September, the airport management owes Paranaque around P677 million in real property taxes, Asoy said.

Should there be no takers during the public auction, Asoy said the local government would buy the airport property consisting of a commercial building, machineries, and parcels of land.

As prescribed by law, the MIAA would then have one year to redeem the property, he said.

"If not, the titles of the property will be consolidated in favor of Parañaque," Asoy said.

Grandfather kills wife ...

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the victims ignored his health problem and when he asked them for financial support, said SPO4 Bert Parena.

Ulysses later told police that Cahutay suspected that the victims were not giving him the money supposedly being sent by his son working in Korea.

He said Cahutay, who is partially deaf and suffering from eye problems, took a 16-inch knife and attacked his family.

Ulysses and Rosemarie managed to run out of the house but Cahutay caught up with his grandson and stabbed him repeatedly on the street, police said.

Cahutay then returned to the house, cleaned the knife and packed his things.

Police and village watchmen arrested Cahutay as soon as he got out of the house.

Police will file parricide charges against Cahutay who is detained at the Parañaque headquarters.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

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1st Reading: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Gospel: Lk 10:13-16

Jesus said, "Alas for you Chorazin! Alas for you Bethsaida! So many miracles have been worked in you! If the same miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would already be sitting in ashes and wearing the sackcloth of repentance. Surely for Tyre and Sidon it will be better than for you on the Judgment Day. And what of you, city of Capernaum? Will you be lifted up to heaven? You will be thrown down to the place of the dead.

Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me; and he who rejects me, rejects the one who sent me."

Commentary

Tyre and Sidon were proverbial cities of old for commercial prosperity and prestige. It was through them that the pernicious pagan influence entered into Israel. That is why we find them cursed by the prophets like Isaiah (23), Ezekiel (26-28), Joel (4:4-8), Amos (1:9-10), and Zechariah (9:2-4). Their grandeur as international commercial centers dwarf the reputation of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum, where Jesus taught and performed his deeds, signifying the coming of God's reign. Nonetheless, the latter places did not acknowledge their being graced, but remained incredulous. The hyperbole, therefore, becomes more pronounced, sounding the urgency of conversion. In your littleness, see the gracefulness and generosity of God's dealings with you.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

POLITICAL LAW (ELECTORAL LAW)—Residence and domicile are synonymous terms—In Romualdez v. RTC, Br. 7, Tacloban City, the Supreme Court held that "domicile" and "residence" are synonymous. The term "residence," as used in election law, imports not only an intention to reside in a fixed place but also personal presence in that place, coupled with conduct indicative of such intention. "Domicile" denotes a fixed permanent residence to which when absent for business or pleasure, or for like reasons, one intends to return. In that case, petitioner established his residence during the early 1980's in Barangay Malbog, Tolosa, Leyte. It was held that the sudden departure from the country of petitioner, because of the EDSA People's Power Revolution of 1986, to go into self-exile in the United States until favorable conditions had been established, was not voluntary so as to constitute an abandonment of residence. The [illegible] explained that in order to acquire a new domicile by choi[illegible] must concur (1) residence or bodily presence in the new locality, (2) an intention to remain there, and (3) an intention to abandon the old domicile. There must be *animus manendi* coupled with *animus non revertendi*. The purpose to remain in or at the domicile of choice must be for an indefinite period of time; the change of residence must be voluntary; and the residence at the place chosen for the new domicile must be actual. [Citations omitted.] [En Banc, Justice Mendoza, Papandayan, Jr. v. Commission on Elections, G.R. No. 147909, April 16, 2002]

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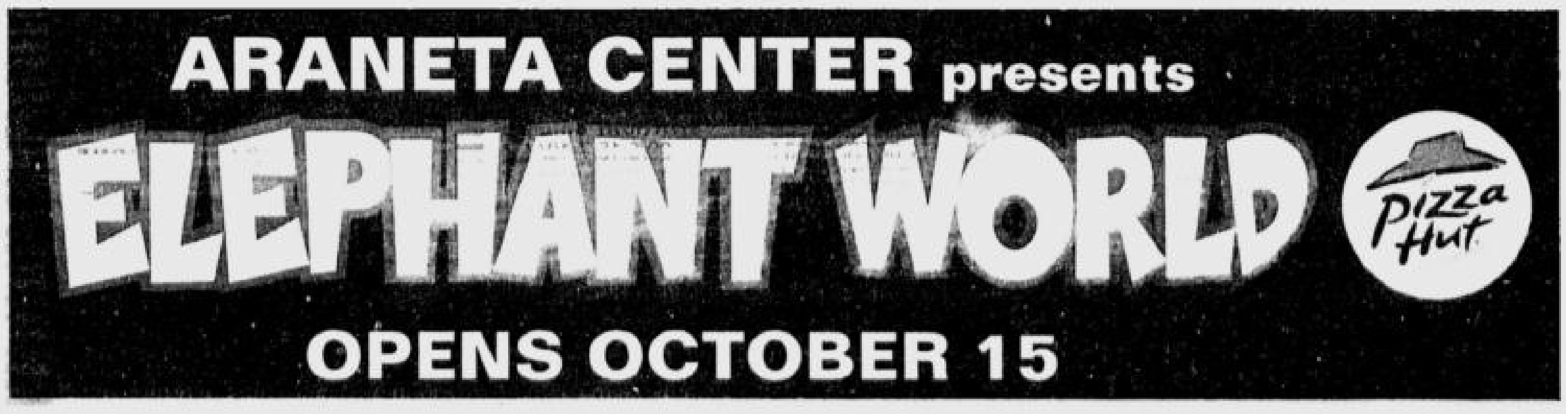

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Pauline Wilson guests in Caldwell-Perry Big Dome concert

INTERNATIONAL jazz chanteuse Pauline Wilson will be the special guest in the "Bobby Caldwell-Phil Perry Live in Manila" concert, Oct. 19 at the Araneta Coliseum, mounted by 105.1 Crossover.

Wilson, the former lead singer of the '70s fusion group Seawind, was the voice behind the band's hits such as "He Loves You," "The Devil Is A Liar," "Follow Your Road," "Two of Us," "Still in Love and Free."

After the group disbanded in 1981, Wilson did session work for Celine Dion, Michel Colombier, Michael Paulo, Yutaka Yokokura and the Yellowjackets before launching her own solo albums: "Intuition" (1995) which spawned the hit song, "Stay"; and "Tribute" (2001).

The dusky, Hawaii-based songstress has always been proud of her Filipino lineage (her mother is a Filipina).

The show is expected to be a nostalgic trip for jazz fusion fans, when Wilson duets with Bobby Caldwell, another pioneer in the smooth jazz circuit whose hit song, "What You Won't Do For Love," was remade by the popular boyband, Go West, in 1995.

Caldwell will perform such favorites as "Real Thing," "Heart of Mine," "Don't Ask My Neighbor," "Back To You," "Words," "Baby It's Cold Outside," "Until You Come Back to Me," "Beyond the Sea" and "What You Won't Do for Love."

For his part, jazz heavyweight Phil Perry will dazzle his local fans with his hits including "Born To Love You," "One Heart, One Love," "You're as Right as Rain," "The Best of Me," "Livin' for the Love of You," "Is It You" (popularized by Lee Ritenour), "Let's Stay Together" and "Only Wanna Be with You."

For their Manila concert, Caldwell's band features acclaimed jazz drummer Russ Miller, sax wiz George Shelby and bassist Jon Murray.

Miller worked with Ray Charles, Babyface, Toni Braxton, Nelly Furtado and Meredith Brooks.

Tickets to the concert are now available at the Crossover office at 731-1667 or 0917-832 1052, Araneta Coliseum Ticketron, SM Ticketnet at 911-5555.

For 24-hour ticket reservation and delivery, call 844-2947 or 844-8159.

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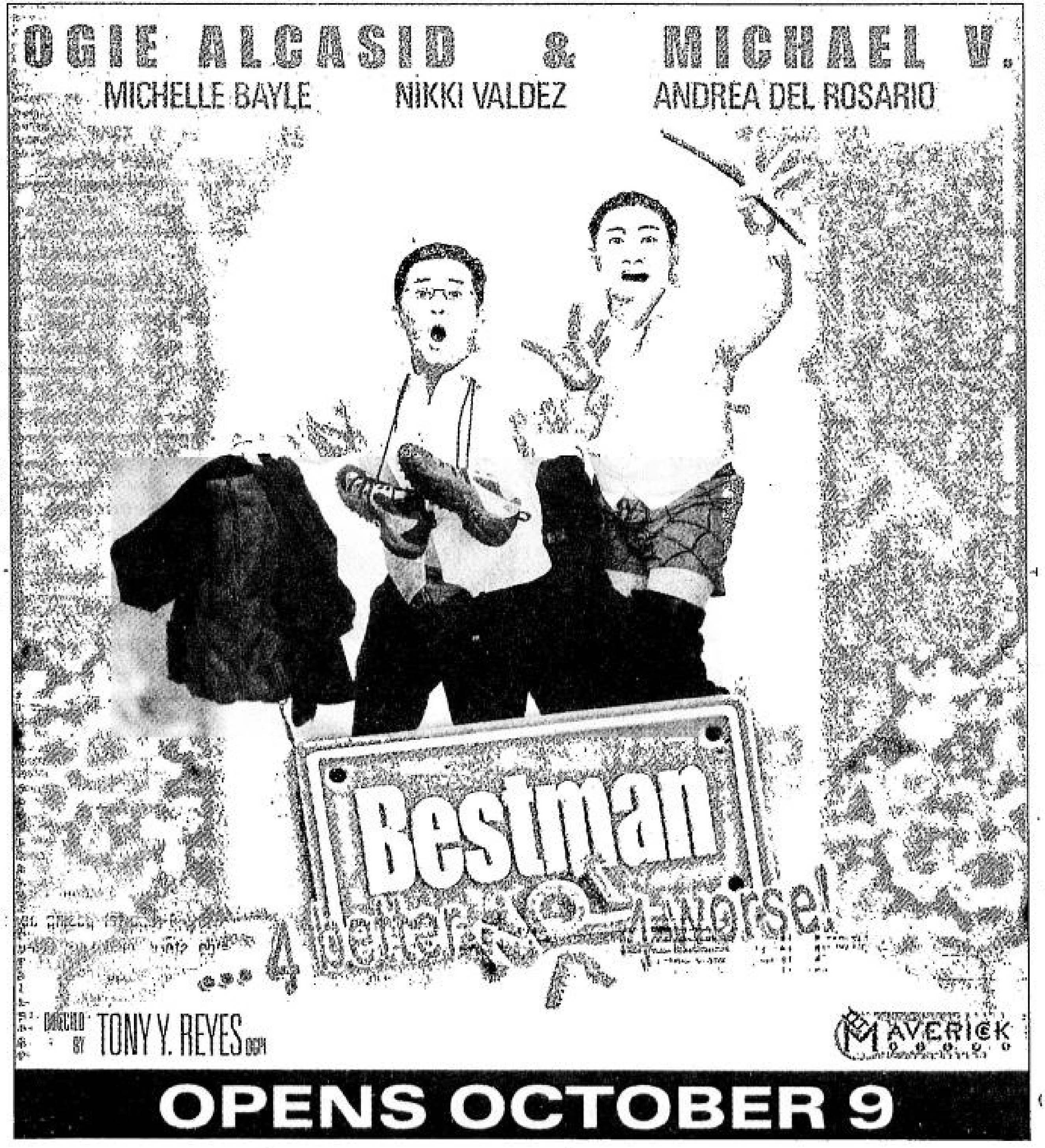
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Viva mounts 'Greatest Hits' repeat

VIVA Concerts mounts a repeat of the "Greatest Hits" '70s show featuring Filipino hitmakers Hajji Alejandro, Rey Valera and Rico J. Puno, tonight and tomorrow night, 8 p.m. at Music Museum in Greenhills.

Hajji was a member of the Circus Band before he went solo and recorded the hit songs "Tag-araw," "Panakip Butas," "May Minamahal," "Nakapagtataka" "Kay Ganda ng Ating Musika," which won the grand prize at the Seoul Song Festival in 1979.

Rey is a singer composer whose works have become contemporary classics, including "Pangako sa 'Yo," "Naaalala Ka," "Kung Kailangan Mo Ako," "Sorry, Puede Ba," "Mr. D.J." and "Kahit Maputi Na ang Buhok Ko."

Rico's first hit was the Taglish version of "The Way We Were" in 1974. This was followed by many others over the years like "Kapalaran," "Buhat," "Damdamin," "Macho Guwapito."

Directed by Roxanne Lapuz with Jun Latonio as musical director, the "Greatest Hits" concert will have Hajji, Rey and Rico interpreting their big sellers, singing one another's hits, doing trios and duets and bringing back lots of memories from the past with their music.

Tickets at P1,300, P1,000 and P800 are now available at the Music Museum and at the Viva Concerts office.

Southern Bulls

SOUTHERN Bulls stages the ultimate live comedy show with Blakdyak and the Hunghunks together in one stage, 9 tonight.

The now-popular and always-jampacked concert hall along Timog Avenue in Quezon City brings back the lovable Blakdyak. With two best-selling albums from Viva Records tucked under his multi-layered cap, Blakdyak continues to churn out his musical creativity by currently finishing his third album also for the same recording outfit, boasting of all-original and self-penned compositions.

The Hunghunks are mainstays on GMA 7's Sunday noontime show, "SOP," while each of the members appear in their respective sitcoms—Long in "Kool Ka Lang," Isko and Jun in "Da Boy en Da Girl" and Jeff in "Okay Fine, Whatever."

Their repertoire consists of VST and Hagibis hits.

For inquiries and reservations about the Southern Bulls show, contact operations manager Noli Pascual at 373-8964 or Heinz Ngo at 0919 611-7818.

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The Brick Road

THE BRICK Road boasts a powerful line-up of events this month.

Oct. 4, dance to the music of Beatnix and jam with Altered Band on Oct. 5.

The elimination rounds of the "Gay Queen of the East 2002" continues every Wednesday.

Groove to the beat of Livewire's music Oct. 12.

Nexxus performs Oct. 18 as part of Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall's pre-Christmas sales' festivities.

The Brick Road is at the East Wing Open Carpark of Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall and is home to the following establishments: T.G.I. Friday's, Gloria Maris, Cabalen, Don Henrico's, Padi's Point, Figaro Coffee Company, Giggles Comedy Bar & Restaurant, Boardwalk KTV, Me Gusta Bar & Grill and James Copper Salon and Spa.

Mall tour

PATRICIA Javier embarks on a mall tour starting today at SM Megamall to promote her debut album, "PJ," under EMI Philippines.

The album boasts of 11 tracks that run the gamut of dance, ballads and upbeat songs.

The first single is Patricia's remake of a Jessa Zaragoza original, "Siya Ba ang Dahilan."

Other dates for the tour are Oct. 6 at SM Fairview, Oct. 12 at SM North Edsa, Oct. 13 at SM Manila, Oct. 18 at SM Bacoor, Oct. 19 at SM Southmall, Oct. 20 at SM Centerpoint, Oct. 27 at SM Pampanga, Nov. 16 at Robinson's Place Novaliches, Nov. 17 at Robinson's Starmills in Pampanga, Nov. 23 at Robinson's Place Imus and Nov. 24 at Robinson's Metroeast.

The "PJ" mall tour is presented by Talk n' Text, Jag and sponsored by Asia Brewery, with Banco Filipino.

Action network turns 5

AXN, the Sony Pictures Television International cable TV network that is the first in the world dedicated to pure action-adventure fare, has turned 5.

In just half a decade, AXN has become one of Asia's highest rated and most-watched channels, with a region-wide distribution exceeding 70 million homes in 18 countries.

Launched on Sept. 21, 1997 as a four-hour branded time block on Taiwan's Super TV 2, AXN today is carried on all major pay-TV systems across South and Southeast Asia. The channel has almost single-handedly created a market and a desire for action-adventure entertainment, when such a market did not exist prior to AXN.

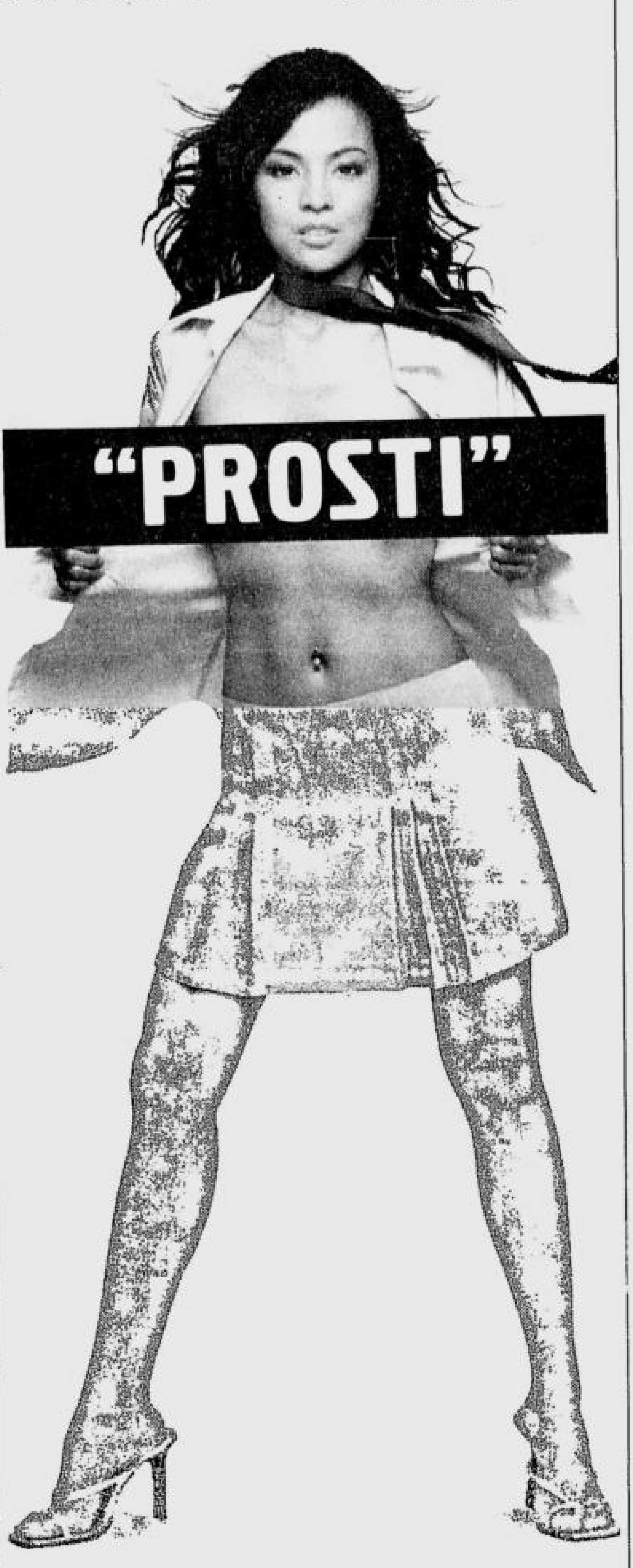
"AXN is one of Asia's fastest growing channels, and we continue to pick up momentum," said a proud Todd Miller, managing director of AXN.

Miller attributes the channel's success to a single-minded focus on action/adventure entertainment delivered through a unique programming mix of series, movies, action animé, lifestyle, sports and adventure-reality.

In the past year alone AXN premiered the most successful Asian movie of all time, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," the current US drama "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Race," the phenomenal "Sakura Wars" anime, ahead of all other TV media.

"One of the most striking examples of AXN's progress is the passion and loyalty bestowed by dedicated viewers," said Miller.

The channel's vision for the next five years, Miller said, is "to be the cornerstone of the growing global network, and to be the top-rated ad-supported channel in Asia."



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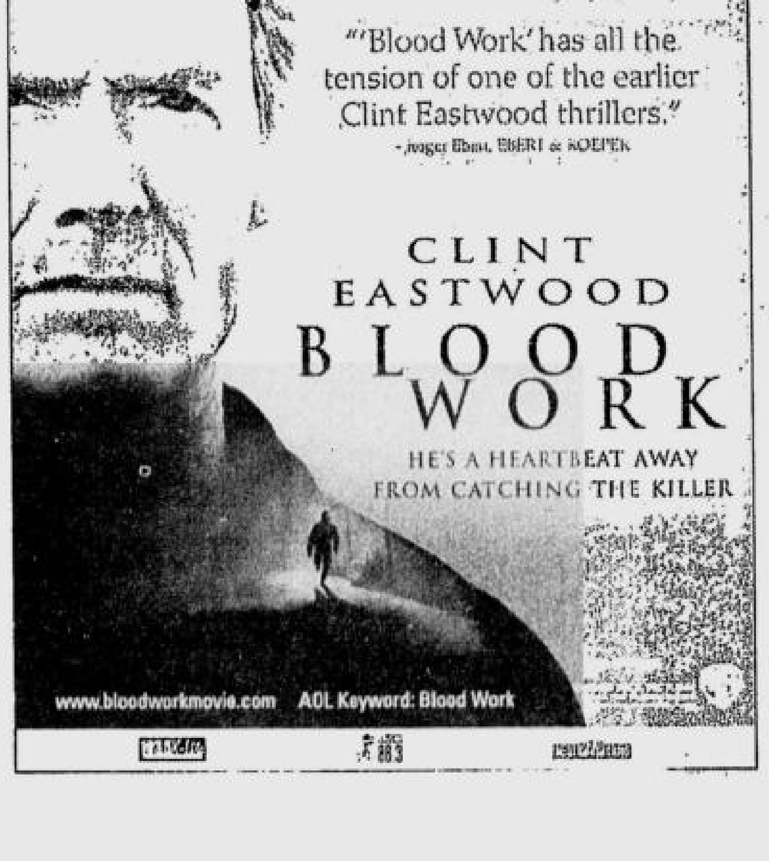
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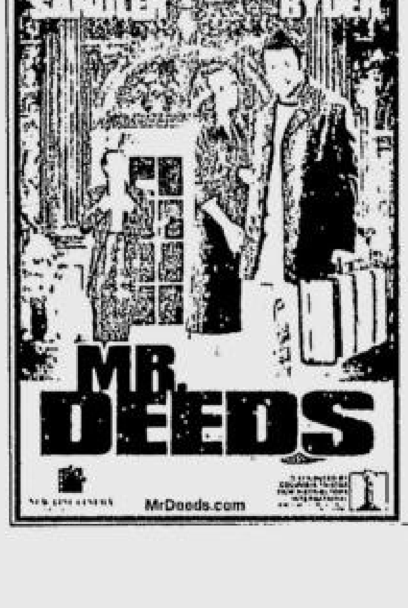

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Host: What do you want to be? What profession?

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Host: As a model, you must have traveled everywhere.

Guest: Oh, yes.

Host: Can you tell us your travels—for example, when and where?

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Host: What was your big dream when you were younger?

Guest: I wanted to have a car—but I wasn't sure at that time if I could buy a car.

(Huh?!)

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Host: What do you like most about being a singer?

Guest: Because of my singing, I am familiar with gatherings!

(*Ano daw*?)

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Host: What do young women need to have to become a famous model like you?

Famous Model: To be a famous model, you need a chisel-like features!

(That observation is so—sharp!)

From taxi driver to superagent

IN JACKIE Chan's latest Hollywood starrer, "The Tuxedo," the Asian star plays Jimmy Tong, an ordinary taxi driver whose abilities behind the wheel land him a job as a chauffeur for Clark Devlin, a wealthy industrialist who turns out to be a secret agent with super-powers.

It's later revealed that those powers came from the special tuxedo he wears. Chan learns that this is no ordinary suit, but rather, a state-of-the-art, computerized, high-tech outfit with features that enable its wearer to do anything and everything—features that turn the ordinary cab driver into an all-powerful secret agent.

This happens when the original agent gets into an "accident" that puts him out of commission, so his chauffeur (Chan) has to take his place.

In his super-tux, Chan has to foil the evil scheme of a megalomaniacal bottled water tycoon who wants to corner the market on the world's supply of bottled water.

The film is a radical departure for Chan. In most of his movies, he's had to rely on his own physical prowess and dexterity. In "The Tuxedo" however, Chan has to play a man who is physically inept. And is empowered only by the special suit he wears.

Thus, Chan had to look like a loser, but perform his stunts like a winner, as though it was his tuxedo that was transforming him into a super-agent.

Acting in a computerized tux that seemed to have a mind of its own was particularly challenging because, while he was performing his moves, Chan had to make it appear as if his character wasn't in control of them.

He explains: "It had to look like I was going this way and the tuxedo was going that way, so I had to act with the tux as if I was thinking, 'What's going on—what are you doing?' I had to move my arms like the tux was doing it for me, to react like I didn't know what was going to happen."

The tuxedo figures so prominently in the movie that it ends up virtually like Chan's co-star. How does it come up with its special powers?

Director **Kevin Donovan** notes, "Primarily, what it does is enable whoever is wearing it to have extraordinary capabilities. It allows you to run faster, perform martial arts, sing, dance, and do anything better than you have—all of the abilities that human beings could have, but are rarely contained in one person."

Of all the special abilities he had to display in this film, what challenged Chan the most? He blushingly admits, "The dancing." He confesses that he's more afraid of dancing than jumping from the top of a 150 foot building!

In another challenging sequence, Chan has to dance and sing like the legendary **James Brown** when his tuxedo accidentally knocks out the Godfather of Soul, and Chan's character has to take his place onstage.

The actor recalls, "I had to practice, practice, practice every night—even in my sleep, my feet were moving! It drove me crazy, because how can you copy James Brown?"

"The Tuxedo" also stars **Jennifer Love Hewitt** as a rookie agent who becomes Chan's partner in crimebusting. **Jason Isaacs** plays the industrialist-secret agent Clark Devlin, and **Ritchie Coster** is the movie's arch-villain.

The simple joys of Joey Reyes

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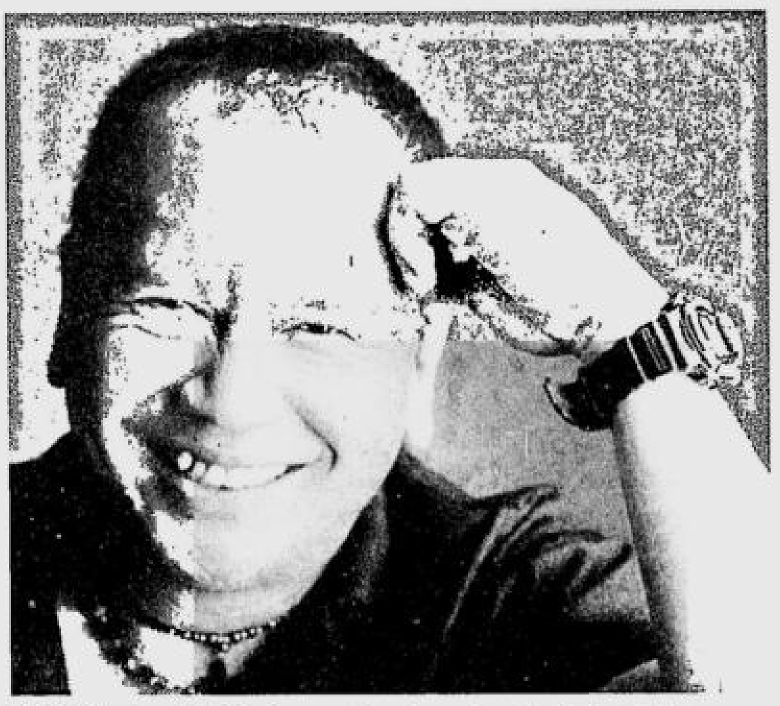

REYES. Enjoys Thai food, a good book or shopping in Bangkok.

DIRECTOR **Joey Reyes** is not a man with grand dreams. Ten years from now, Joey even sees himself migrating to the US West Coast or Vancouver, where he will not mind running a small bookstore or working as a bus boy.

"I just cannot do it now because I still have my 90-year-old mom to take care of," says Joey. "But migrating to the US or Canada has always been in my plan."

Joey is a man with simple joys. He is on cloud nine when eating Thai food or reading a good book like **Alice Sebold**'s "The Lovely Bones."

He also gets a thrill shopping at the Chatuchak flea market in Bangkok or simply working on his necklaces and bags for export. The goods are also being sold on E-bay.

When it comes to his big screen projects, Joey expresses his desire to film "Flores de Mayo," his award-winning script from the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP).

He also wants to do the film version of an **Orlando Nadres** play, "Hanggang Dito na Lamang at Maraming Salamat," an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

"I want to cast **Joel Lamangan** and **Maning Borlaza**, with **Piolo Pascual** or **Jericho Rosales** as the young man," Joey says.

Joey also wants to work with Jericho.

"I believe Jericho and Piolo are the leading men to watch out for," Joey maintains.

He also wants to see on film **Jonard Yllana**'s script, "Ang Kristo ng Dagat Bughaw."

In the meantime, Joey continues to do what he does best, that is, directing quality movies. Last year's controversy stirred by his sex-drama, "Live Show," did not daunt Joey to come up with more worthwhile viewing fare.

This month alone, he has two films to be shown one after the other.

The first is "9 Mornings," a light romance which pairs for the first time Piolo Pascual and **Donita Rose**.

"9 Mornings" was originally intended as an entry to the Manila Film Festival last June. But Joey feels the Oct. 9 playdate is "better timing" than having the film clash with other major local releases during the festival.

Joey admits he is comfortable working on film genres about relationships, like his previous films "Sugatang Puso" (**Lorna Tolentino** and **Christopher de Leon**), "May Minamahal" (**Aga Muhlach** and **Aiko Melendez**), "Narinig Mo na Ba ang Latest" (Aga Muhlach and **Joyce Jimenez**) and "Bukas na Lang Kita Mamahalin" (**Diether Ocampo** and **Angelu de Leon**).

Joey also collaborated on the screenplay of "9 Mornings" with **Ton Sison**. They create two characters whose individual existence will always be associated with one another, but are bound to be remembered.

Piolo is the handsome and emotionless yuppie, while Donita is the beautiful pre-school teacher Elise. Both are nursing their broken hearts from their painful past when they meet in one of the most unlikely places, the church, for the traditional nine-day Christmas masses.

"The characters in this film will inspire viewers to take time and see the beauty of life," Joey says. "When we think of things we should not even prioritize or when we are caught up in the fast life, we reach a saturation point. But when we reflect and look around, there is so much about life, so much to live for. All we need is to take time and think about things that are either essential or important, things that can really make us happy."

Joey also directs Joyce Jimenez and **Jay Manalo** in the new version of "Paraisong Parisukat," a film based on the classic play also written by Nadres.

'Bubble Gang' is 7

ILOCOS Norte Rep. **Imee Marcos** joins the wacky cast of "Bubble Gang" in her first gag show appearance to highlight the seventh anniversary of the program.

Imee gamely allowed herself to be lampooned by comedian **Michael V.**, who does a one-on-one interview with her for the anniversary episode taped live from the Music Museum in Greenhills.

Not a few were surprised when Imee said yes to the guesting stint, without the slightest knowledge of what she would be asked to do in the show.

She was merely called from backstage without any briefing and gamely sat on a stool opposite Michael V. She didn't mind trading jokes and tirades with Michael V, even if the question pertained to her late father, former President **Ferdinand Marcos**.

After the said portion, Imee received a loud applause from the live audience watching the taping.

There are other hilarious portions in the anniversary episode, which will be aired as a two-part special tonight and on Oct. 11, 9 p.m. on GMA 7.

Not-to-be-missed is the much-awaited showdown of the "Bubble Gang" Sex Balls (who spoof the popular Sex Bomb Dancers) and the real Sex Bomb ladies.

In another portion, the "Bubble Gang" mainstays go retro, complete with the '70s look of Afro hair and flared pants, for a musical number with Retrospect.

On top of all the gags, there's the "Gabi ng Parangal" segment, where "Bubble Gang" will honor the best of the highly popular commercial spoofs done in the show.

Indeed, after seven years, "Bubble Gang" is out to prove that it hasn't lost its flavor.

The cast of the top-rating gag show includes **Ogie Alcasid, Michael V, Wowie de Guzman, Ara Mina, Rufa Mae Quinto, Wendell Ramos, Antonio Aquitania, Maureen Larazabal, Maricar de Mesa**, Dance Focuz and **Mahal**.

Baby Congress

INQUIRER business sub-section editor **Margie Quimpo-Espino**, who is also the publisher of Baby Magazine (with her hubby Cesar Espino), will have a busy weekend as she hosts the second Baby Magazine National Baby Congress, starting today until Oct. 6 at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Margie said Sen. **Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan** will be the special guest in the opening at 6 tonight.

Kiko was once featured on the cover of Baby Magazine, with his one-year-old daughter Frankie.

Margie said the Baby Congress is part of the sixth anniversary celebration of Baby Magazine, the country's first monthly magazine devoted to baby care.

Participants in the lecture series can learn about the emotional and psychological care of the child, during the talk of **Anna Treichler Borgaily**.

Educator **Maricar Gustilo Ocampo de Ocampo** will speak on creating an effective learning environment for your baby, from birth to formal education.

Gynecologist **Rebecca Singson Zahar** will talk on "All You Need to Know About Pregnancy."

Dr. **Donna Pangilinan-Simpao** will talk about the baby's yaya, the mom's caregiving partner.

The three-day congress will also have a baby trade fair, fashion show and a baby gallery photo exhibit.

Those interested to attend the lecture-series can call 840-1897 or 893-0534.

"BUBBLE GANG" MAINSTAYS. In a two-week anniversary special.

Manila Philharmonic hits the mall circuit

By Marinel R. Cruz

COLMENAR

AFTER four years of successfully bringing symphonic music to the masses through a series of mall shows, the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) will take on a new challenge this year when it takes on contemporary rock, pop, jazz and R&B tunes over and above its usual repertoire of Beethoven, Bach and Brahms.

Catch the orchestra as it dishes out current tunes like P. Diddy's "Come With Me," Will Smith's "Nod Your Head," Van Halen's "Jump," Whitney Houston's "I'm Every Woman" and "It's Raining Men" of the Pointers Sisters, in a series of shows titled "Philharmonic in Jeans 5."

The performance at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City on Oct. 5 will mark the start of the orchestra's six-show series.

At the gala night, the MPO under the baton of Professor Rodel Colmenar will perform with some of the country's most sought-after musical stars like, Verni Varga, Lani Misalucha, Jaya Ramsey, Toni Gonzaga, Kyla, Nolyn Cabahug and the 604 band.

To give "Philharmonic in Jeans 5" a street-party appeal, KC Montero and a special guest DJ will do several rap numbers as the MPO plays its classical concert pieces. The Koro Tomasino, Maneouvres and Whiplash dancers will also be featured in various production numbers.

Louie Ignacio will direct this year's series.

"This year will be more festive than the previous years," Colmenar said in a press conference recently held at the Hard Rock Café.

For the gala night, the MPO has prepared 23 big production numbers, the highlight of which will be the orchestra's "La Copa de la Vida" solo piece.

For the gala's "movie theme segment," the MPO and the 604 band will perform "Nod Your Head," the theme from the movie "Men In Black II," and "Come With Me" from "Godzilla."

Another number to watch out for is the show's "industrial segment," which will feature a group of tap dancers performing to the beat of unique percussion instruments.

"It will be a music, lights and sounds show," director Ignacio said.

"Philharmonic in Jeans 5" is a joint production of Guess? Jeans USA and GMA Network.

"The goal of the series is to erase the misconception that symphonic music is merely for the A and B markets," said GMA representative Darling de Jesus.

"The shows' repertoire is carefully selected to complement the malls' acoustics and to please people of all ages," Guess? Philippines CEO Victor Siasat added.

Colmenar said the MPO experimented with classic and Broadway tunes in the first "Philharmonic in Jeans" series in 1998. The group found out that several classical songs were hard to play in malls. "Some songs were really made for opera houses and auditoriums," he said.

So on its second year, the orchestra added some familiar pop tunes to its repertoire and teamed up with divas Kuh Ledesma and Regine Velasquez in a series titled, "The Power of 2."

"Philharmonic Goes Latino" was the theme of the orchestra's mall shows in 2000.

Last year, it featured band hits with The Dawn's Jett Pangan, Wolfgang's Basti Artadi, South Border's Luke Mijares and Side A's Joey Generoso.

"Philharmonic in Jeans 5" will be at the Alabang Town Center on Oct. 12, Festival Mall on Oct. 19, Robinson's Ermita on Oct. 25, SM Megamall on Nov. 16 and SM Manila on Nov. 30.

Admission is free.

Liz Taylor's jewels on view at Christie's

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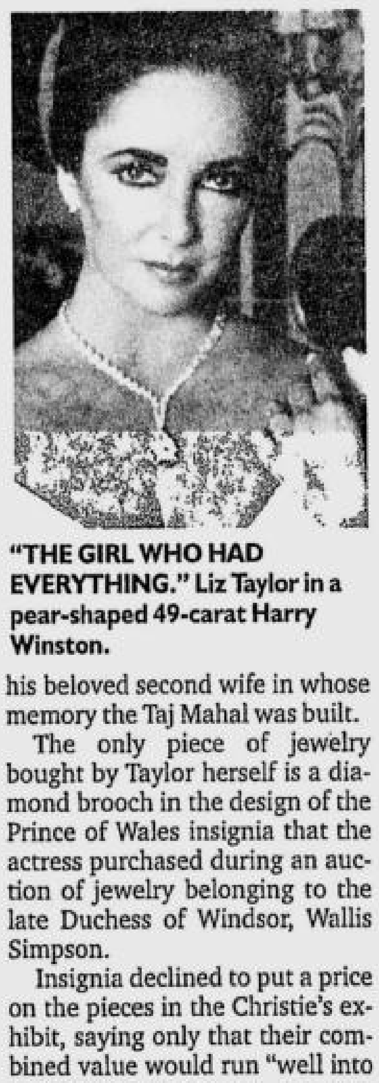


"THE GIRL WHO HAD EVERYTHING." Liz Taylor in a pear-shaped 49-carat Harry Winston.

According to her book, however, the pearl was almost lost during a stay in Ceaser's Palace casino in Las Vegas, when Taylor realized she had dropped it somewhere in the deep shag pile carpet of the full-floor suite she was sharing with Burton.

Terrified of telling the volatile Welsh actor what had happened, Taylor spent several hours nonchalantly strolling around the suite, feeling for the pearl with her toes.

"Then I saw one of our puppies chewing on what I thought was a bone and I did the longest slowest, slowest double-take in the world," she recalled.

"I just casually opened the puppy's mouth, and inside was the most perfect pearl in the world. It was, thank God, not even scratched."

Associated Hollywood glamour aside, Tudor rates Taylor's collection as "extremely important" and containing pieces that would "happily stand in any collection in the world."

"Burton had a wonderful eye. A totally natural eye for quality items," Tudor said.

Burton's generosity, it seems, was boundless and not limited to special birthday or Christmas gifts.

"He'd give me 'it's Tuesday, I love you' presents. 'It's a beautiful day' presents. 'Let's go for a walk, I want to buy you something' presents," Taylor reveals in the book, which itself hardly comes cheap at $65.

Yet another Burton' purchase on view is the 17th century heart-shaped Taj Mahal Diamond—originally a gift from the Mughal emperor Shah Jehan to his beloved second wife in whose memory the Taj Mahal was built.

The only piece of jewelry bought by Taylor herself is a diamond brooch in the design of the Prince of Wales insignia that the actress purchased during an auction of jewelry belonging to the late Duchess of Windsor, Wallis Simpson.

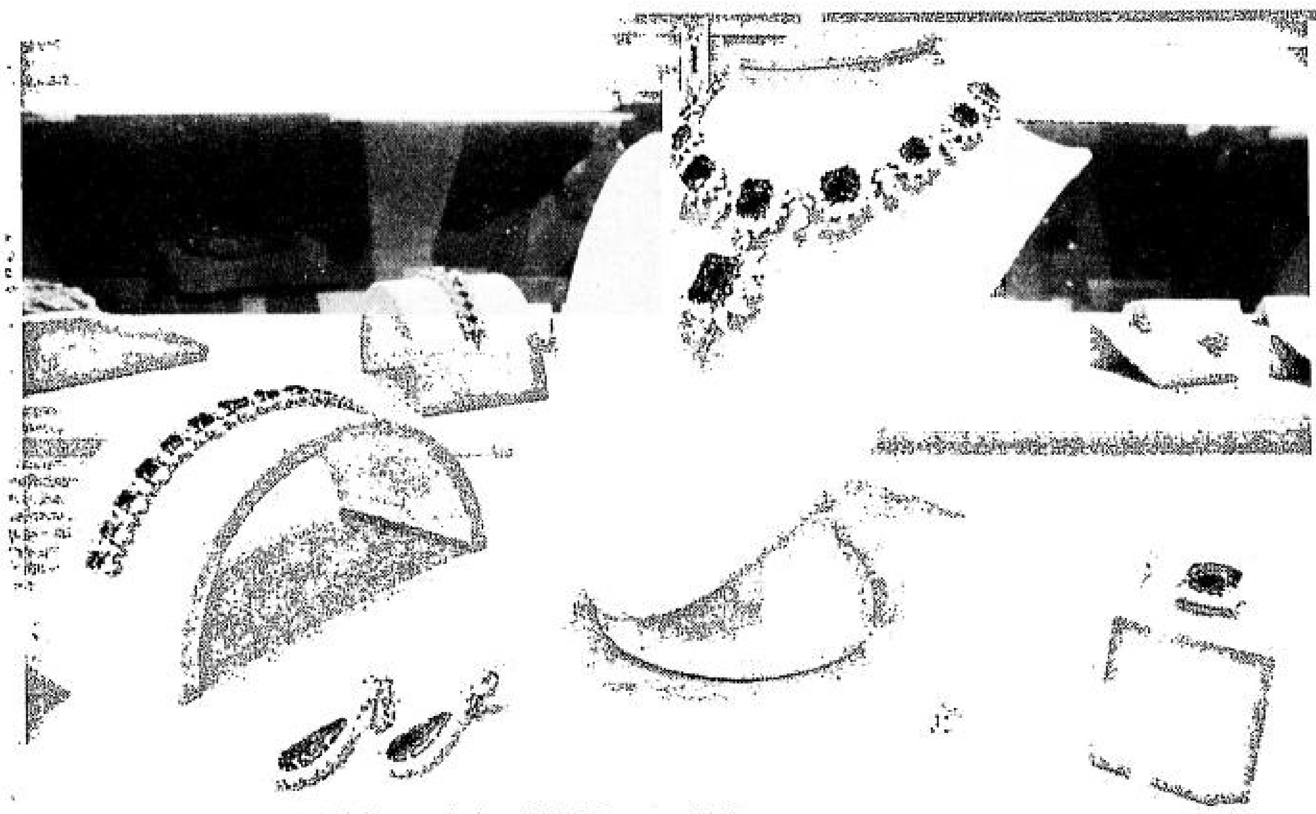
Insignia declined to put a price on the pieces in the Christie's exhibit, saying only that their combined value would run "well into eight figures."

The exhibition was preceded last week by an auction to which Taylor had contributed an emerald and diamond ring given by Burton. The piece sold for $80,000 dollars with the proceeds going to Taylor's favorite AIDS charity.

"I've never thought of my jewelry as trophies," Taylor said. "I'm just here to take care of them." *AFP*

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**



EMERALD, diamond and platinum necklace with matching bracelet and earrings.

A HEART-SHAPED Taj Mahal diamond, circa 1627-28, was a 40th birthday present from former husband Richard Burton.

MONKEY NECKLACE. A diamond, emerald and gold gift from singer Michael Jackson.

Liz Taylor's jewels on view at Christie's

NEW YORK—"When I look at my jewels I realise what a very lucky girl I am."

A sparkling chunk of actress Elizabeth Taylor's "luck" is now on view at Christie's in Rockefeller Center in New York in an exhibit accompanying the release of the Hollywood icon's coffee table heavyweight: "Elizabeth Taylor: My Love Affair With Jewelry."

The Christie's show comprises 30 personally selected pieces from Taylor's renowned personal collection and includes several stunning gifts from two-time husband Richard Burton.

Taking pride of place amid the emerald necklaces and ruby brooches is the celebrated 33.19-carat Krupp Diamond, given by Burton.

"It was owned by Vera Krupp of the famous German munitions family which helped knock off millions of Jews," Taylor, now 70, notes in her book.

"When it came up for auction in the late 1960s, I thought how nice it would be if a nice Jewish girl like me were to own it." Taylor converted to Judaism to marry her fourth husband Eddie Fisher.

According to Simon Teazle, the head of Christie's jewelry department, getting Taylor to include the Krupp Diamond in the exhibit was a tough challenge given her strong personal attachment to the stone.

"We had to be, how shall I put it, diplomatically firm that it was essential to the exhibition," Teazle said. "Eventually, we were able to prise it out of her hands for a few weeks."

Another highlight is the tear-shaped La Peregrina Pearl, originally discovered by a slave in the Gulf of Panama in the 1500s and given to Spain's Prince Philip II who later offered it as a wedding present to Queen Mary Tudor of England.

Taylor had the pearl—another Burton gift—incorporated into a Cartier-designed ruby and diamond necklace.

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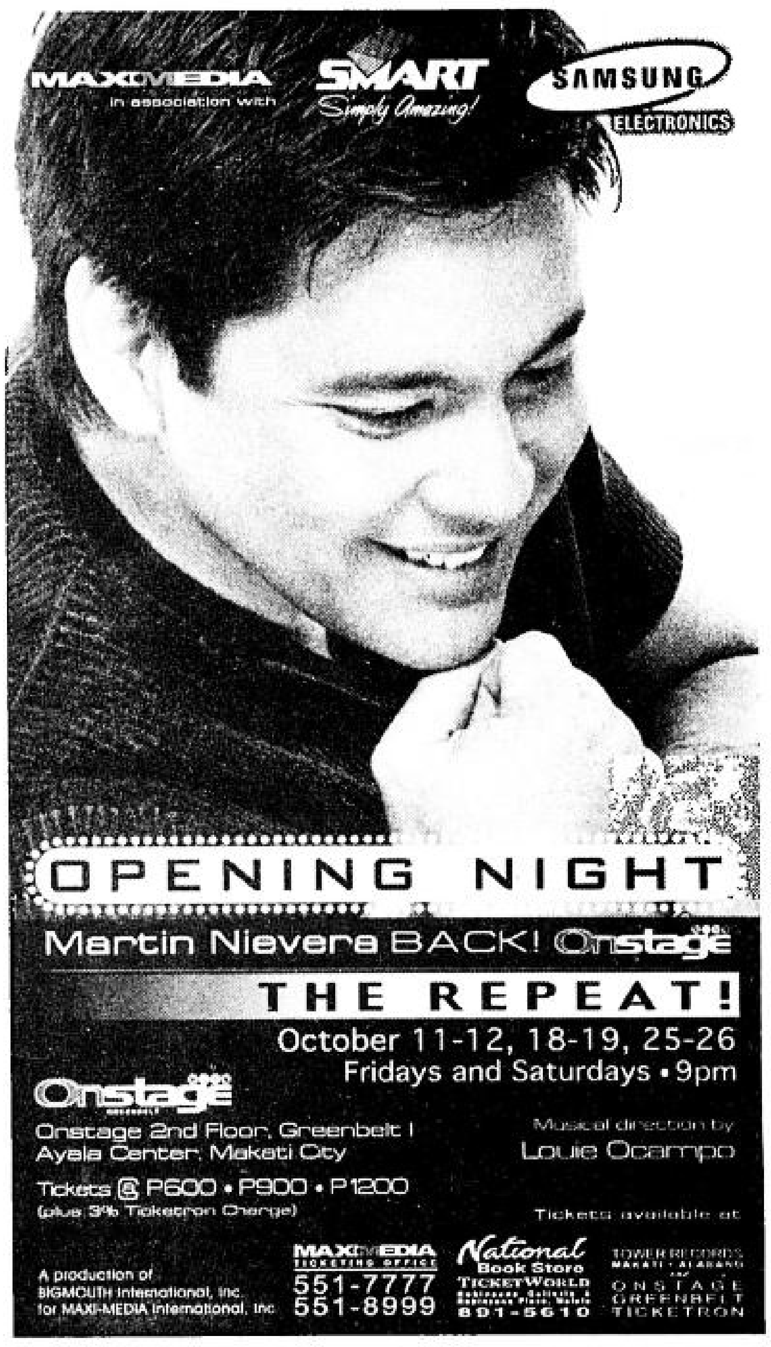

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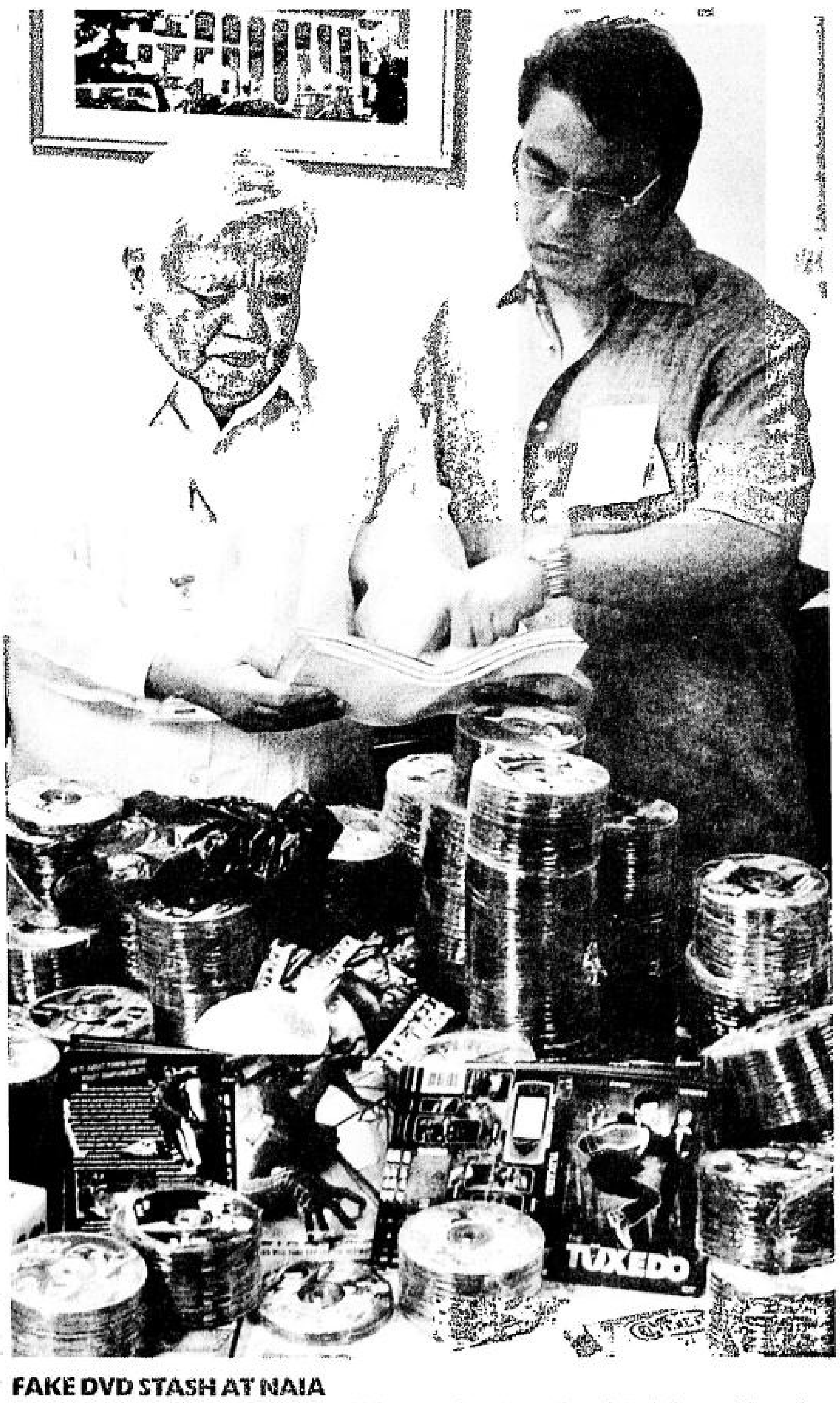
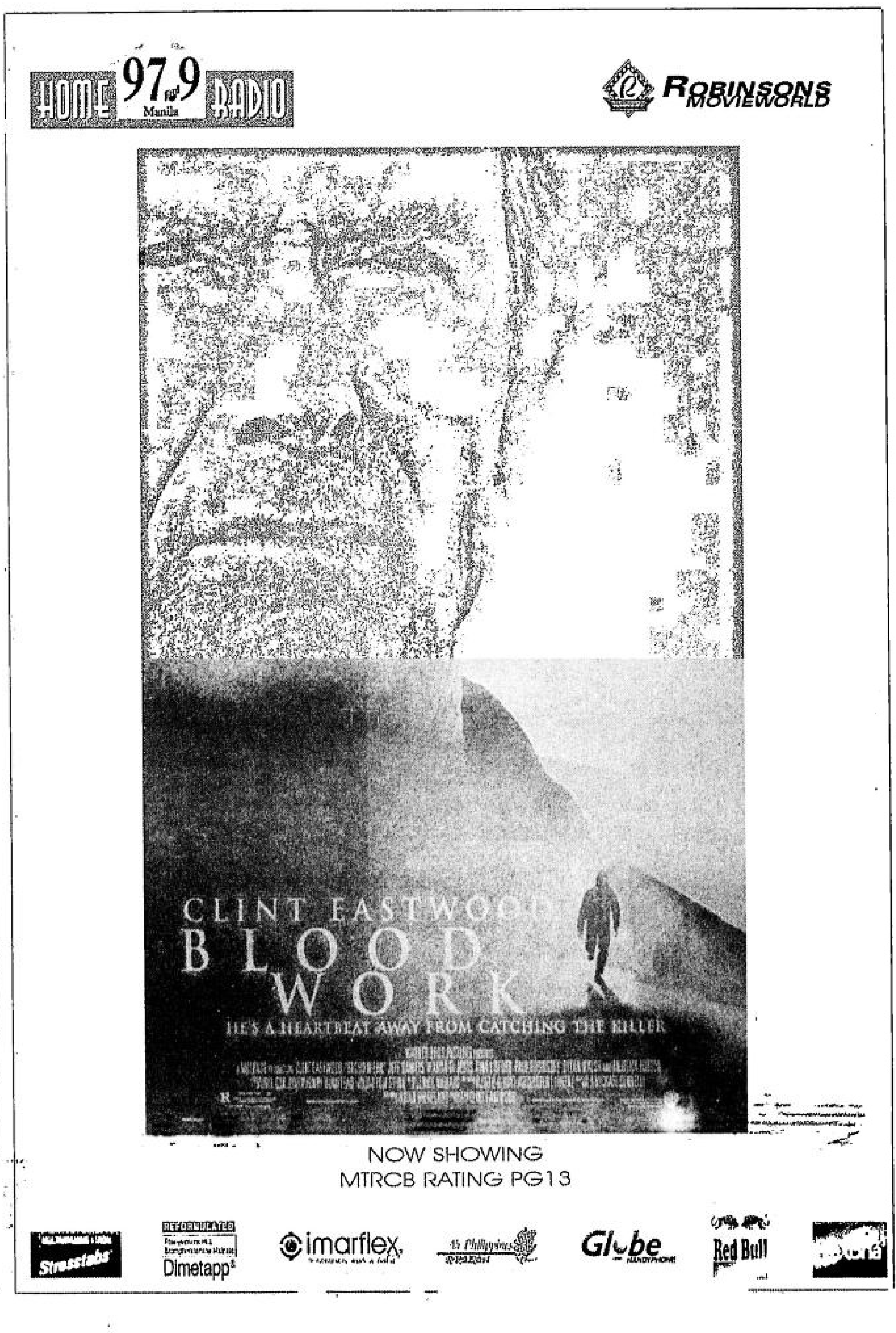


FAKE DVD STASH AT NAIA

Customs Chief Celso Templo (left) and Videogram Regulatory Board Chair Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. examine some P1 million worth of master copies of movies on DVD seized at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. The master copies were in a checked-in luggage from Malaysian Airlines flight from Kuala Lumpur. The bag was abandoned by the owner after customs agents inspected the suspicious baggage. ROGER MARGALLO



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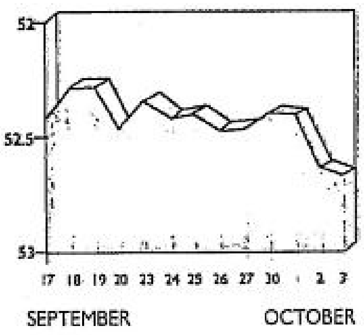

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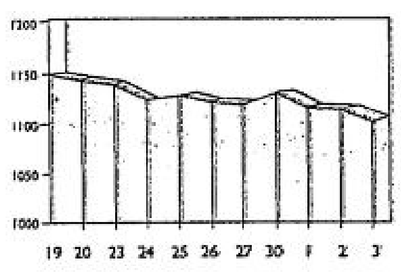

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Shares down

SHARES ended lower for a second straight day yesterday, as renewed concerns about Iraq and a slide in the local currency rattled investor nerves.

The US government's refusal to accept the terms of a deal made between UN arms officials and Iraq over a resumption of weapons inspections revived war jitters, traders said.

A further slump in index heavyweight Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. after the Gokongwei family withdrew an offer to acquire a controlling stake from Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd. also pressured the index.

The main index closed down 1.02 percent at 1,103.28 points.

Value turnover reached P209.85 million from P372.3 million on Wednesday.

The decision of the Gokongwei family to scrap plans to acquire PLDT was viewed negatively by many investors who felt the business clan would have brought superior management skills and greater cost discipline to the firm, Eagle Equities Inc. president Joey Roxas said.

"I think it was a case of who can run it better and the bets were more on Gokongwei rather than the current management," he said.

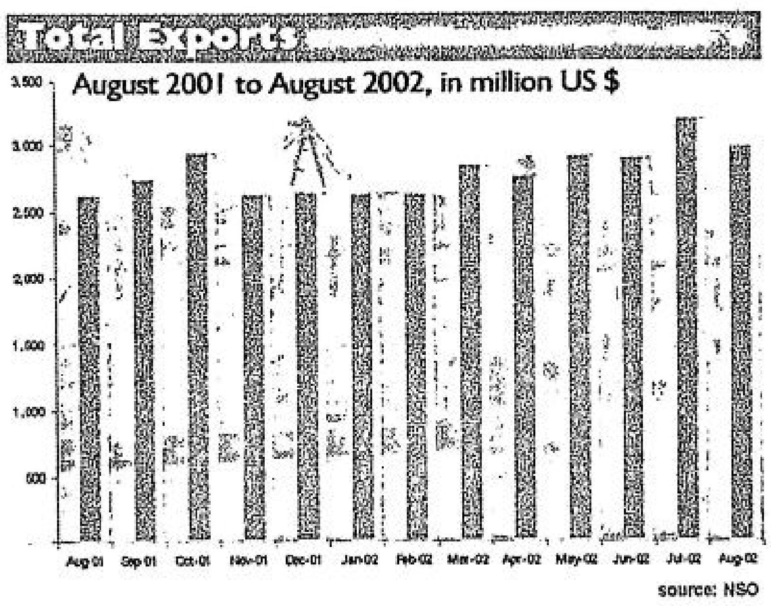
The stock closed down P7.5 at P270 on the second largest turnover of P25.5 million.

The Gokongwei-controlled phone firm Digital Telecommunications Inc. closed down one centavo, with question marks over its future development in the wake of the withdrawal. *Reuters*

By Doris C. Dumlao

Total Exports

August 2001 to August 2002, in million US $



source: NSO

THE PHILIPPINES posted a fifth consecutive month of double-digit growth in merchandise exports in August on robust sales of locally made electronics products.

The National Statistics Office reported yesterday that export receipts in August hit $2.99 billion, up 14.1 percent from $2.621 billion a year earlier, indicating a recovery in the export sector was on track.

The year-on-year pace of export growth, however, has slowed and is expected to deteriorate further in the coming months given worries about US economic growth, analysts said.

Earnings from exports in August were lower than the $3.19 billion recorded in July, the first decline on the month for August since 1995.

Receipts from electronic components, accounting for 51.6 percent of export revenue, rose 17.7 percent from a year ago to $1.544 billion, the NSO data showed.

Clothing and clothing accessories hit $216.6 million, coming in as the second-largest export with 7.2 percent of the total.

Reflecting the turnaround in the industrial sector, 89.2 percent of the total receipts in August came from the sale of manufactured goods, which had an output 15 percent higher year-on-year.

The United States and Japan are still the country's top export destinations, with a share of 25.7 percent and 13.8 percent, respectively.

The Philippines' export earnings from the United States rose 5.4 percent to $767.86 million, while those from Japan went up 12.3 percent to $412.42 million.

Other top export markets were: The Netherlands, $248.88 million; Hong Kong, $220.44 million; Taiwan, $206.67 million; Singapore, $195.02 million; Malaysia, $134.85 million; South Korea, $116.22 million; Thailand, $111.48 million; and Germany, $106.58 million.

Analysts said they expected year-on-year export growth to deteriorate further in the coming months, given worries about the US economy.

"I had expected it to slow down a little bit, but at least the trend (upward year-on-year) is still there," Luz Lorenzo, an economist at ATR Kim Eng Securities, said. "It tells me we are on

AUGUST/ B2

BTr cancels T-bill, bond auctions set for Dec.

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BUREAU of Treasury yesterday said it would cancel the auction of all treasury bills and bonds scheduled for December worth about P12 billion as it decided to raise funds through P10 billion worth of loans from HSBC.

National Treasurer Sergio Edeza said the government had approved the proposal of HSBC to provide at least P5 billion in medium-term loans covered by promissory notes to be sold to local investors. The amount, he said, could be increased to more than P10 billion.

"The HSBC loan proceeds will replace what we intended to raise from the scheduled bills and bonds auctions. Anyway, the market is usually tight in December and offers from banks are more often rejected," said the treasurer.

Edeza clarified that the loan facility from HSBC was not an additional financing for the deficit. "It forms part of our borrowing program," said the treasurer.

Rafael Simpao, president of Security Bank, said the financial market was already anticipating the cancellation of the auctions in December. "The market is tight in December, so banks usually bid higher and the Bureau of Treasury just reject the bids."

Simpao said that funds from investors and depositors normally return to the banks by January, after the holiday season.

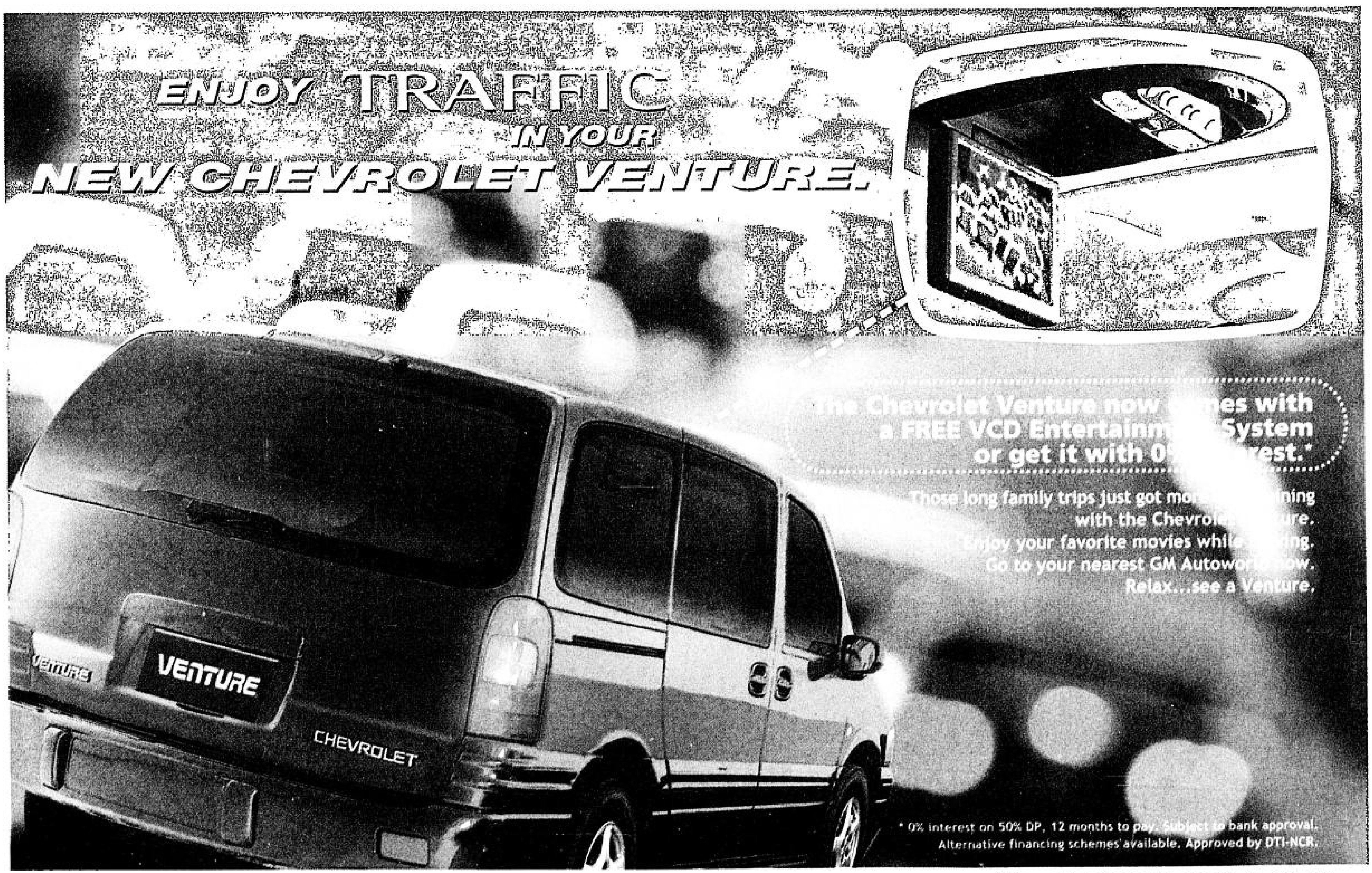
"We do not want to waste our time in holding the auction when we could replace it with new funds," stressed Edeza.

The HSBC offer was chosen from at least four proposals the bureau received. Among those that submitted fund raising proposals to the bureau were the group consisting of Equitable PCI, Bank of the Philippine Islands, First Metro Investment Corp. and International Exchange Bank; Deutsche Bank and Multinational Investment Bancorporation, and Security Bank.

State-owned Development Bank of the Phils. had also offered to underwrite P2 billion worth of borrowings for the government.

HSBC will lend P10 billion to the government but the bank can turn around and issue promissory notes that can be sold through auction to accredited dealers of government securities, similar to the sale of treasury bills and bonds.

Sources said the debt notes can be traded by accredited financial institutions but will not be sold in retail.



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THE ANNUAL choice of the best employer in the country, from the viewpoint of a professional organization, culminated last week in the proclamation of a US company run by Filipinos in the Baguio City Economic Zone. It is a world-class manufacturer and, in fact, today's world leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of precision motor control devices for aerospace and industrial applications.

Today, there is hardly any aircraft in the world that is not using the servo values and servo actuators that are manufactured by Moog Controls Corp., the company chosen as "2002 Employer of the Year" by the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines, the country's premier national organization of human resources management practitioners composed of more than a thousand members nationwide.

Faith in the Philippines

The Americans who own Moog came to the Philippines in 1983, the year Ninoy Aquino was killed and in the height of turbulence both in the socioeconomic and political conflicts engendered by his death and a series of typhoons and tropical depressions that are a hardly hospitable welcome to an incoming valued investors like William Moog from New York.

But Bill Moog believes in the potentials of this country, and he risked his confidence in the Filipino workers, whose capability for learning is legendary. The rest is history. Since 1984, when company operations commenced, there is no stopping Moog from business success. Today, it is a showcase of products proudly made by Filipinos who take pride in their work as well as their employment in Moog.

A showcase to the world

Today, there is no commercial airliner, whether made by Boeing or Airbus, anywhere in the world that does not use Moog-manufactured servo values and actuators. These are being used in their primary flight controls. If we take a look under the wings of any such airliner, there is a decal proudly reading: "Made in the Philippines."

Because of Moog, and the successful partnership there between US capital and Filipino labor, our country is gradually regaining the respect of the world community not just as a preferred investment area, but also as the home of competent and committed human resources. Hopefully, we can erase the stigma of being the origin of illegal immigrants, the largest exporter of cheap labor and the haven of drug lords, money launderers and political terrorists.

Faith in Filipino talents

Moog came to the Philippines, despite adverse publicity and its distorted image in the eyes of the international community, mainly because of Bill Moog's faith in the tremendous potentials of Filipinos not just as hired hands but also as partners of management in the design and planning of world-class products and technology that can compete with the best in the world.

Faith in its people is, in fact, its core guiding philosophy in dealing with employees. When Moog brought to New York 18 engineers from Baguio in 1984, he believed in their ability to learn and lay the foundation of a world-class company. Today, after less than 20 years, Moog has 586 employees and intends to stay in the Philippines for scores of years in the future. The pioneer engineers are now the executives of Moog.

Outstanding personnel manager

The personnel manager hired by Moog in 1984 is still there. He was PMAP's "1999 Personnel Manager of the Year." His is by itself a marvelous success story. The guy is Efren Alberto, Jr., whom PMAP conferred the title of "fellow in personnel management," a professional accreditation given so far to only the top 5 percent of the country's thousands of HR professionals.

Through Alberto's leadership, the people in Moog behave as if they own the company, committed to pushing productivity levels and quality standards to unprecedented heights. Quality to them is not a management project. They breathe quality everyday. No one has to watch over them to make sure every product conforms with quality standards. Quality is their way of life.

A trusting atmosphere

There is no union in Moog. External organizers attempted many times to organize but the workers themselves resisted them. Behaving as owners of Moog, they believe there is no sense to organize against their own company and to bargain collectively with themselves. This is also the situation in Unilab, last year's "Employer of the Year."

The founder's philosophy was to make work a rewarding and satisfying experience and a special venue for people to be creative, committed and productive in an environment where they are trusted, respected and rewarded.

People philosophy

Moog's philosophy leads the whole company, from the top guns to the lowliest janitor, to treat each other with respect, maintain a bond of trust, communicate openly, encourage individual achievements, prefer problem-solving than faultfinding and empower people to initiate changes.

In return, Moog aims that its employees achieve pay levels that match the quality of its products, provides job security, affords health care and retirement benefits that assure financial security, maintain a work environment that is safe, comfortable and conducive to a high quality of work life. Moog is a community of friends helping each other and enriching each other's lives, giving each one a chance to be his best.

Making PMAP proud

On behalf of our president, Ernie Espinosa, this writer told Joe Green, Moog EVP, that PMAP is proud to have picked Moog as this year's employer of choice. Moog joins such previous awardees as Unilab, Globe Telecom, Unilever, Jollibee, Mercury Drug, Nestlé, J&J, Shell, DBP, BPI, RFM, Del Monte, Procter & Gamble, IBM, PCI, Colgate, Citibank, Meralco, Picop and Ayala.

As corporate secretary of PMAP, I can attest that the board of judges, led by quality gurus like Raul Hernandez, worked hard in choosing it, but it was a choice not really difficult to make. For Moog, by all indications, was a runaway winner. Congratulations.

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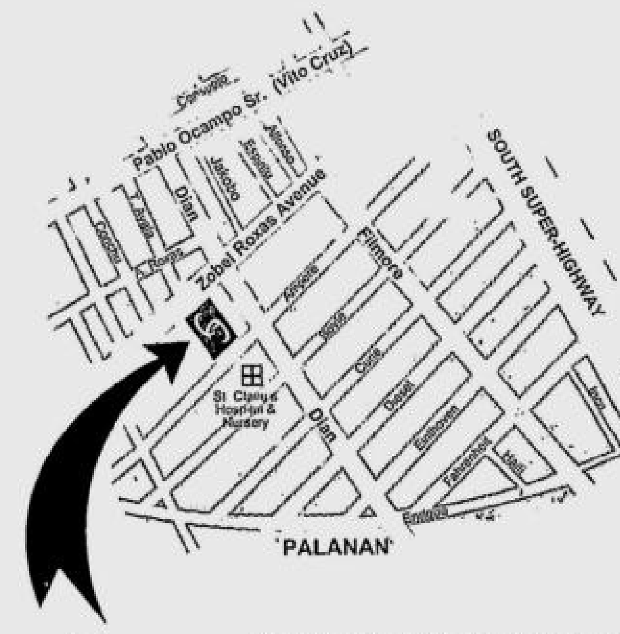

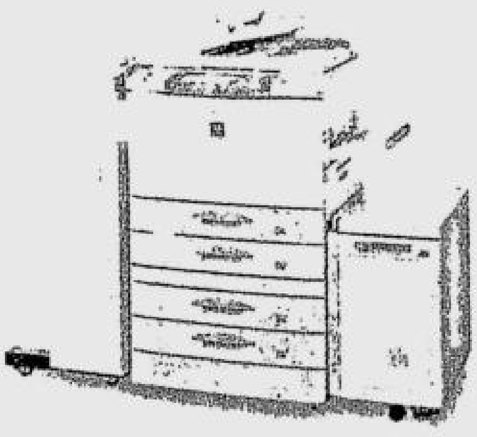

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NBI raids LPG retailer

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has intensified its nationwide crackdown on the illegal liquefied petroleum gas refilling business following a raid on a large refilling facility in Laoag City.

The NBI raided the compound of Northland Gas Corp. following a period of surveillance and by virtue of a search warrant issued by Baguio City Regional Trial Court Judge Antonio Reyes.

The NBI said close to P1 million worth of refilling equipment and LPG tanks were confiscated during the raid. The LPG tanks allegedly belonged to other brand owners. The brand owners said they had not authorized Northland to refill and sell their LPG tanks.

They also noted that many of the confiscated LPG tanks "were in deteriorating condition." Most illegal refillers were selling these tanks without repair and safety inspection, "with wanton disregard for the lives of the people in homes and establishments which use them," they added.

The NBI said the Northland raid "is just the opening salvo in a nationwide crackdown on suspected illegal LPG refillers."

Several suspected illegal refilling facilities were earlier raided in Metro Manila.

The NBI warned that it would continue its campaign against illegal refillers all over the country.

Most recently raided were Republic Gas Corp. in Pasig City and Omni Gas Corp. in Malabon.

"This is a priority law enforcement campaign," the NBI said.

The nationwide crackdown came on the heels of mounting complaints against suspected illegal LPG refilling facilities.

The Bureau of Fire Protection has disclosed that over 200 fires have been caused by the explosion of suspected illegally refilled LPG tanks.

August exports up but growth slows

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track to achieve my forecast for around 15-16 percent full year growth for 2002."

Lorenzo said, however, she believed that the July year-on-year growth in exports could be the highest for the year.

In the first eight months of the year, exports rose 7.8 percent to $22.849 billion from $21.203 billion a year earlier, the NSO said.

Jose Vistan, an economic analyst at AB Capital and Investment Corp., said. the month-on-month slowdown was a concern.

"This is the first time that we had a month-on-month decline for August since 1995. Normally, August is a busier month than July. This could mean a slowdown in momentum in exports growth. Maybe, the global slowdown is starting to affect our exports," Vistan said.

A local bank economist said he expected average year-on-year export growth of around 5 percent to 7 percent each month from September to December.

"Exports normally trend lower in the fourth quarter. By the last quarter, most requirements (orders) are already filled up," the bank economist, who asked not to be identified, said.

"The electronics sector has been exhibiting surprisingly strong growth, led by microchips. But since most of our electronic exports go to the United States, I am not so sure what demand would be like in the fourth quarter."

Finance Secretary Jose Camacho said on Wednesday the government was looking to Asia rather than the United States for future growth.

He said Philippine export growth in the first half of the year actually came within Asia, not from the United States, Japan and Europe.

"There is a phenomenon going on in Asia that I think would put Asia in a different growth pattern. You see Asian economies trying to become less dependent on exports to the developed world, and I think that's going to be a good signal to us," Camacho told reporters on the sidelines of a banking forum.

BRIGHTER 4TH QUARTER PROSPECTS

BIR's Sept. collection up but still short of target

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue yesterday said its tax collection in September hit P27 billion, 110 percent more than the year-ago level but still short of the P32-billion target for the month.

This, sources said, meant that the budget deficit from September could widen to more than P160 billion, taking into consideration higher interest payments on the state's borrowings for the month.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said the government was hoping that it could post budget surpluses in the last two to three months of the year to bring down the deficit level.

As of August, the deficit swelled to P144 billion against the original target for the period of P130 billion. The financial market's worst-case budget gap projection was placed at P190 billion.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno said the bureau was stepping up efforts to raise its collections so it could regain some of the lost ground during the first nine months of the year.

The bureau contributes 80 percent of the government's cash requirement yearly. The Bureau of Customs is expected to deliver the next biggest yield of P99.6 billion this year against an original target of P115.1 billion.

The BIR's internal "fighting" target, said Parayno, was to offset the P25 billion worth of shortfall incurred during the first eight months of the year with the surplus in the remaining three months.

The BIR chief said the target for the remaining three months was by about P7 billion or an average monthly collection target of about P44 billion in the fourth quarter.

"The BIR has no choice. It is not a question of whether these are doable, we just have to do it," said the commissioner.

The BIR should collect P422.5 billion in tax payments this year, lower than the original target of P447.6 billion.

"We are bullish on our fourth quarter collection as we expect revenues from the intensive audit of VAT taxpayers to start coming in by October," said Parayno.

The BIR chief said the bureau had sent demand letters to each of the 600 companies found to have been under-declaring their 10-percent value-added tax payments two weeks ago.

The intensified VAT audit has resulted in a 10.4-percent improvement in the bureau's VAT collection as of July. Parayno said he would push all fronts to meet the bureau's collection targets this year and help the government minimize its budget deficit.

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DTI probe of substandard cement backed

THE PHILIPPINE Cement Manufacturers Corp. has reiterated its full support to the investigation being conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on adulterated Portland cement reportedly being sold in Southern Luzon and National Capital Region (NCR).

In a statement, Philcemcor president Rico Alfiler said that the association and its members would make their laboratories and testing facilities available to the DTI for purposes of determining whether slag, a waste product from steel manufacturing, was being added to Portland cement by certain local producers.

"We appreciate the prompt attention the DTI has given to this matter and we want to offer our technical resources to the government and to work together to ensure that consumers obtain a consistently pure Portland cement that adheres to national standards," said Alfiler.

A number of Philcemcor member-companies have received complaints from retailers, masons, contractors and homebuilders about the alleged substandard Portland cement produced and sold by two cement firms, whose names were withheld pending results of the DTI investigation.

In view of mounting complaints, Alfiler said that it was the group's responsibility to do something about the reports.

"The facts also are that microscopic laboratory analyses conducted by our member companies have confirmed the existence of slag in the Portland cements manufactured by those two companies," he added. "Don't call it Portland Cement if it's not Portland cement," explained Alfiler.

He added that Philcemcor was prepared to work with DTI at the provincial and regional levels as well as with its Manila-based Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) to ensure that their member-companies' facilities and technical expertise on cement were available to the agency.

"I think this is a great example of industry and government working together for the benefit of consumers," Alfiler said. "We are a hundred percent behind DTI on this because it is our responsibility and duty to work with the government to ensure that consumers are not cheated and this is exactly what we want to accomplish here in a effective and efficient manner."

The DTI earlier reported that it was gathering samples of cements made by two cement firms for testing. It, however, admitted the BPS did not have the capability to test the presence of slag as it was not a standard procedure. This prompted Philcemcor members to make their laboratories available to the government.

GOINGS-ON

Domestic flight load factor

ASIAN Spirit registered the highest load factor in year 2001 among four licensed scheduled domestic flights operators in the country, besting flag carrier Philippine Airlines Inc.

Asian Spirit last year posted an average load factor of 63 percent, followed by PAL and Cebu Pacific, both at 59 percent.

Seminar on SME financing

LEARN the different financing, specialized lending and funding programs available to small and medium enterprises through the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines and PDB-FMO Development Center seminar dubbed "Equity and Debt Financing for SMEs."

This half-day seminar, slated on Oct. 8, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Development Bank of the Philippines Auditorium (Tanghalang Julian Felipe) in Makati, targets entrepreneurs, finance and lending officers from financial institutions, students taking up entrepreneurship and individuals interested in financing.

Banco Filipino promo

BANCO Filipino's newest raffle promo, dubbed as "Milyon-Milyong Pasasalamat," will hold its third monthly draw on Oct. 9 at the bank's head office in Makati.

Cash prizes of P1,000,000 for the first prize, P200,000 for the second prize and P100,000 for the third prize will be given away to the lucky BF depositors.

Citibank award

AS Citibank NA celebrates its hundredth year in the country, it collaborates with the Microfinance Council of the Philippines to give recognition to the country's model microentrepreneurs in a nationwide search for the Citibank Microentrepreneur of the Year.

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Piltel tops list of money-losers

By Elena R. Torrijos

PILIPINO Telephone Corp., mobile phone subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., was the country's biggest money-loser last year, according to figures released by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Piltel's net loss soared to P21.738 billion in 2001 from P5.51 billion in 2000 on higher marketing and promotions expenses, the SEC's records showed.

Last year, Piltel wrote down some P14 billion worth of investments in its analog network.

Piltel was among the first telecom companies to offer mobile phone services in the Philippines, using the "code division multiple access" technology.

The company, however, was unable to capitalize on its early lead and failed to catch up when its competitors began rolling out a newer technology, the "global system for mobile communications," that offered more services at lower costs to consumers.

Metro Pacific Corp., local holding firm of Hong Kong's First Pacific Co. Ltd., which also controls PLDT, recorded the second-largest net loss among Philippine companies at P21.633 billion.

Metro Pacific's net loss came largely from P19 billion in asset impairment provisions for its Fort Bonifacio Global City project and shipping firm Negros Navigation Co.

Lafarge Cement Philippines Corp. came in third with a net loss of P8.865 billion. Its subsidiary, Continental Operating Corp., expanded its net loss to P7.458 billion last year from a net loss of P432 million in 2000.

Texaco Philippines recorded P7.323 billion in net loss, followed by Rahteon-Ebasco Overseas Ltd., which had a net loss of P6.182 billion.

The Concepcion family's flagship holding company, RFM Corp., posted a P3.047-billion net loss, putting it in seventh place.

Belle Corp. registered a P2.79-billion net loss, smaller than the P3.38-billion loss recorded the previous year.

Enron Power Philippines Corp. incurred a P2.3-billion net loss, while another energy firm, El Paso Philippines Energy Co. Inc., reported a P2.19-billion net loss.

PSE studies offer to market mutual funds

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange is planning to diversify its product offerings with the possible marketing and listing of mutual funds in addition to its existing lineup of equities and fixed-income securities.

In a circular issued to brokers yesterday, PSE president Ernest Leung said the local bourse was currently studying a proposal from Sun Life Asset Management Co. to market mutual funds.

"This will be coursed through trading participants initially as distributors of mutual funds and ultimately as traders upon listing of mutual funds with the exchange," Leung said.

"This will provide another source of income through distribution fees or trading commissions," he added.

Leung stressed, however, that to qualify as a distributor of mutual funds, a trading participant would have to pass the examination required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to secure a license under its "Investment Companies Representative Certification Program."

Once the license is obtained, the trading participant can enter into a distribution agreement with the mutual fund company.

The stock exchange, for its part, will provide a price reporting system for the net asset values of the mutual funds being offered. On a daily basis, the net asset values will be posted on the electronic board as a reference for trading participants.

"This interim arrangement is in preparation for the eventual listing and trading of managed investment funds to broaden the range of securities being traded in the exchange," Leung said.

A mutual fund is an investment company or a special purpose investment vehicle that pools money from shareholders invested in a portfolio of securities.

DOE signs deal to tap energy

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy yesterday launched a $23.4-million (P1.2 billion) project to promote the further development of renewable energy sources and bolster the country's energy security.

The DOE signed an agreement to implement the 5-year Capacity Building to Remove Barriers on Renewable Energy Development (CBRED) project with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and private firms involved in renewable energy.

The UNDP would provide $5.14 million (P267 million) of the total project cost while the private firms would cover the remaining $18.22 million (P947 million).

The firms include Philippine National Oil Co. and its subsidiary PNOC Energy Development Corp., Smith Bell, Solar Laboratory and the Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines.

"We are sending a strong signal that the government is fully committed to promote environmentally clean, renewable energy technologies and systems," Energy Secretary Vincent Perez said.

CDC gets ₱250-M loan package to upgrade Clark int'l airport

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE CLARK Development Corp. has obtained funds for the P250-million upgrading of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport. The upgrade would pave the way for an expansion of United Parcel Service's (UPS) regional transshipment hub inside the Clark Special Economic Zone.

CDC will use the P250-million loan from the Philippine Veterans Bank to renovate and strengthen the pavement for DMIA's taxiways and parking to accommodate UPS' wide-bodied commercial aircraft which have heavier payloads of up to 1.2 million pounds compared to military aircraft that the airport was designed for.

iUPS country manager Hedinori Aritake said the refurbishment of the DMIA was part of CDC's commitment when the American express delivery giant agreed to put $300 million into Clark.

Clark is the UPS' third regional hub in the world after its headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky (100 flights a day) and Cologne, Germany (30 flights a day).

Aritake said that with the DMIA upgrade, UPS would raise the number of its flights from 5 to 7 a day (to and from Bombay, Sydney, Hong Kong, Narita, Taipei and other Asian destinations) and bring bigger cargo planes (from Boeing 747 to 757).

The loan, packaged by Investment Capital Corp. of the Philippines, will be paid within five years with a two-year grace period.

CDC expects to pay out the loan through higher revenues from collection of aeronautical and airport fees that were expected to increase with the airport renovation.

House panel confirms abuse of car import privileges, smuggling in Subic

By Allan Macatuno
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—A congressional panel looking into alleged smuggling activities here discovered that freeport investors are using their car importation privileges as a conduit for smuggling.

In a public hearing conducted by the subcommittee on customs, tariff and related laws of the House committee on ways and means, panel members confirmed that imported luxury cars were being spirited out of Subic and sold in the local market.

The subcommittee obtained evidence that the reported smuggling of luxury and used right-hand drive vehicles had deprived the government of needed revenues.

The panel, led by Tarlac Rep. Jesli Lapus, chair of the subcommittee, said Subic officials could not account for some 30 luxury vehicles that were shipped into Subic by several investors and were believed to have been smuggled out of the freeport.

Bureau of Customs officials told panel members that they had traced two of the missing vehicles in a car dealer shop in Metro Manila and these were being offered for sale. The BOC confiscated the vehicles.

Importer builds business out of spotting markets

SUCCESS STORY

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

SPOTTING good business opportunities is a rare ability, and the Cochanco family of Nueva Ecija has proven that they have it in abundance.

The patriarch, Cochan Co, came from China to settle in Cabanatuan in Nueva Ecija, and his first business foray was the Ignacio Heras Cochanco Rice Mill established in 1910. He thought it was a good business opportunity since Nueva Ecija was a big trading area for the country's staple food.

When Cochan Co decided to move to Manila in 1972, his son, Lucio Cochanco Sr. first diversified into the retailing of agricultural products since it was still related to rice.

The company, called Jolly General Merchandise, started with only two employees, but its workforce grew once it expanded to the distribution of consumer and health products to take advantage of growth potentials in these businesses.

Cochanco's business flourished in the '80s with the lifting of trade barriers. Cochanco took advantage of the new opportunities and immediately brought in Chinese-made products patronized by Filipinos, including the "sotanghon," the ubiquitous Maling and canned mushrooms.

The steady growth engineered by Cochanco led to the incorporation of Fly Ace Corp., now led by his son, Lucio Jr., as president.

"The first products that my father brought in under Jolly Gen were products from China and America because these were the products most familiar with Filipinos. At that time, Filipinos were not yet too exposed to the products from other parts of the world. We had about less than 100 items when we started," the younger Cochanco said.

The years passed and the Filipino's tastes and requirements became more sophisticated. There surfaced a need to bring in more products from the best of the world. This led to the incorporation of Fly Ace in 1993.

From products brought in from China and the United States, Fly Ace went into the importation of quality products from Australia, Europe and Asia. It also ventured into private labeling under the brand name "Jolly." Products included canned fruits, cooking oil and cooking enhancers.

Other Fly Ace private labels are "Jollycow Fresh Milk," which is imported from Australia, and "Doña Elena," which brings in the best of Portuguese sardines, Spanish anchovies and olive oils to Filipino consumers.

"What we do is to look for the right products. We study the market to see if there is a demand for a certain product or if there are no available products in the market. If there are similar products then we look for a cheaper alternative," Lucio Jr. said.

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SOME of Fly Ace's top-selling imported brands

From Jolly Gen's two employees, the Cochanco group now has over a hundred employees, and the number of imported items has grown from less than a hundred to over a thousand, making the group one of the biggest importers catering to all major supermarkets, wholesale clubs, wholesalers and retailers.

Its products include Welch's juices, Wesson oils, Swiss Miss hot cocoa mix, Orville popcorn, Happy Day juices, Vitasoy Soy beverages, Federici pasta, Pietro Corricelli olive oils, Evon's nuts, Miller's honey, Crumpy bread spread, Pacesetter cosmetics, Popeye shoestring potatoes and Rio Maria biscuits.

The small warehouse in Binondo, Manila, has now expanded to over 30,000 square feet, and the small office has now grown into a full warehouse operation with a computerized system for monitoring sales, delivery and inventory.

The younger Cochanco said in an interview that the business values today were the same as when his grandfather, Cochan Co, was still operating the rice mill. These are family kinship, open trade and value for money.

Fly Ace and Jolly Gen have remained largely family businesses, with each sibling taking on responsibilities to sustain the operations and growth of the family legacy, although professional managers have been hired to fill in the gaps.

"We still value the tradition of relationships and we give great importance to the word of honor just like our Italian principals. We also value long-term relationships," he said.

It is for these reasons that Fly Ace continues to gain the confidence of foreign product owners that works well toward fulfilling Fly Ace's mission to provide Filipinos with the best products possible.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Thursday, October 3, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	18.75	19	18.75	19	106,000
Banco Filipino Sav & Mort	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	100
Bank of the Phil. Islands	44	44	43.5	43.5	137,600
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	20,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	29	29	29	29	86,200
First E-Bank Corp.	1 18	1.18	1.04	1.1	384,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	33	32	32	325,800
Philippine National Bank	29	29	28.5	28.5	22,100
Union Bank of the Phil.	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	100
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	20,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.42	0.42	0.4	0.42	240,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1065	1075	1065	1075	880
Sun Life Financial Serv.	835	840	835	840	110
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75	800
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.44	0.45	1,200,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	452.5	452.5	445	447.5	49,720
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	2,800,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3.6	3.9	3.55	3.9	129,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	277.5	280	270	270	93,990
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.011	0.011	0.01	0.011	24,700,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	14,800
Manila Electric Co. B	30.5	30.5	29	30	653,900
Petron Corp.	1.62	1.62	1.58	1.58	824,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	15,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0 84	0.84	0.84	0.84	30,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.44	2.44	2.44	2.44	119,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	80,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER PRODUCTS RELATED					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	180,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.38	0.4	0.38	0.4	70,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.58	0 58	0.58	0.58	100,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.75	14	13.75	14	282,300
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	32	32	32	32	46,000
RFM Corp.	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	40,000
San Miguel Corp. A	54	54.5	54	54.5	116,000
San Miguel Corp. B	59	60	59	59.5	285,300
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0 32	0.32	0.32	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	40,000
Ayala Corp.	5.1	5.1	5	5.1	2,240,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	30,000
Anglo Phil. Holdings Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	100,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.23	0.23	0.225	0.23	1,800,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	360,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	13.25	13.25	13	13.25	675,000
Ionics Inc.	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	35,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.34	1.36	1.34	1.36	101,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	100,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.26	0 26	0.25	0.25	2,460,000
Music Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	400,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	100,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	50,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.032	0.034	0.032	0.034	300,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0 23	0 26	0.23	0.26	310,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	10,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	8	8	8	8	19,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0 37	0.37	0.37	0.37	710,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0 42	0.42	0.42	0.42	10,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0 27	0 28	0.27	0.28	270,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	21 75	21.75	21.75	21.75	489,000
Jollibee Warrants	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	200,000
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Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0 0026	0 0026	0.0026	0.0026	1,000,000
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South China Resources Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	10,000

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Bank & Fin Svc	1,342,890	23,445,870.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	42,761,810	135,607,975.00
PRO	18,414,000	50,396,800.00
Mining	360,000	110,900.00
OIL	31,010,000	84,100.00
GRAND TOTALS	93 918 700	209,735,645.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	425 88	DOWN 3.17
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,528.22	DOWN 12.63
PRO	497.30	DOWN 9.04
Mining	1,105.69	DOWN 5.96
OIL	1.21	UP 0.02
All Shares Index	604 83	DOWN 10.31
Composite	1,103.28	DOWN 11.42

CURRENCIES

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Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.013069	1.000000	55.5500
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Singapore	Dollar	0.568022	0.560695	31.1466
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Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000688	0.000679	0.0377

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CHINA Banking Corp. has declared a cash dividend of P8 a share payable on Nov. 7 to shareholders as of Oct. 17.

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UNION Cement Corp. is offering shareholders of **Alsons Cement Corp.** to exchange 28 centavos for one share of Alsons Cement or one Union Cement share for every 3.7 Alsons Cement shares, with any remaining fractional shares paid in cash at 28 centavos a share. Offer period is from Oct. 2 to Nov. 12.

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PRIME Gaming Philippines Inc. will buy back 5 million of its own common shares at not more than P20 a share by means of a voluntary tender offer. The offer period will cover 10 working days. ***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

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I extend my cordial greetings to the administrators, students, and educators of the Colegio de San Juan de Letran - Calamba on your New Information Technology and Communications Center Building Inauguration Ceremonies.

Your institution's commitment to the advancement of education and ITC development in the country is laudable. The New Information Technology and Communications Center Building is a step towards the adoption of innovative teaching techniques that will contribute to the active participation of our youth in today's community.

This event reminds you of the important role that you play in shaping our nation's future. It bolsters our efforts to make the Philippine educational system more effective and responsive to the demands of the 21st century.

Education is a crucial factor in attaining sustainable development and winning the war against poverty. I encourage administrators, educators, and stakeholders to work hand in hand to mold today's youth into committed and responsible leaders of tomorrow.

Mabuhay!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
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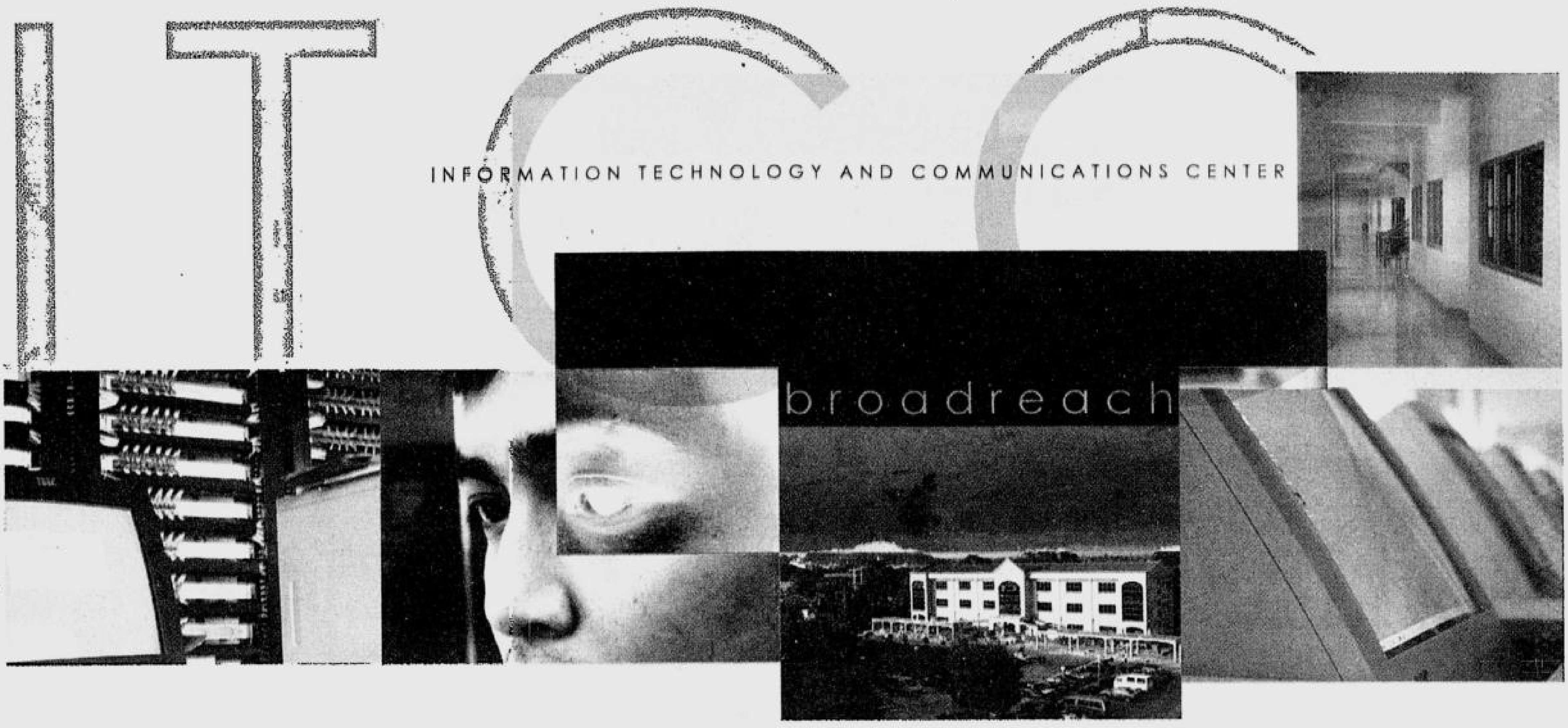

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Warm greetings to Colegio de San Juan de Letran - Calamba for the inauguration of its new Information Technology and Communications Center Building on October 4, 2002.

In this competitive Age of Information, those with technical skills have the edge. Your institute's new facility will help further improve the quality of higher education in the province of Laguna. Globalization impels us to embark on a new phase of discoveries especially in the area of Information Technology. Consequently, the demand for workforce in this field is increasing, and I know that Letran is ahead of the pack.

Let this be a new start in providing a better future for the students and new hope for our nation. I urge you to continue raising your standard as we put Laguna on top in our effort to revitalize the Philippine economy, *Kayang-kaya pag sama-sama.*

TERESITA S. LAZARO
Governor of Laguna

The Inauguration of the Information Technology and Communications Center Building marks another milestone in the progress of education as a social equalizer.
The trend of globalization places an increased demand on expertise in information technology. Needless to say , courses which command knowledge in computers will give the graduates an edge in employment opportunities.

Times have changed so must the basics of academics to make it conform and responsive to the needs of the times and mold a new breed of professionals who will be the forerunners of our nation.

Congratulations and More Power !

JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO, JR.
Congressman
2nd District, Laguna

My warmest felicitation and congratulations to the administration and faculty members of Letran-Calamba for the inauguration of its new Information Technology and Communications Center Building on October 4 this year. True to its tradition, your school is once again at the forefront of science advancement. This is a big step towards the students' exploration of the vast market of ideas in information technology.

As a City Mayor, I am heartened to know that Letran-Calamba is dedicated to its role as guardian of students, providing for their needs so they can rise to the challenges of the times.

I am extending my personal appreciation for your untiring effort in discovering and maximizing potentials in the different fields for the good of the youths in particular and the citizens in general.

I call upon you to continue your commitment to seek exellence in information technology and to mold our youths into responsible citizens and future leaders.

MABUHAY !

SEVERINO J. LAJARA
City Mayor of Calamba

My warmest congratulations to the administration of Colegio de San Juan de Letran - Calamba for reaping the fruit of your collective endeavor.

It is indeed a very noble task to be of service to the students, nobler even when the common interest of the people has been considered primarily. People like you in the academe are worth edifying. Your institution needs your zeal, your capacity to work, your service, and ability to lose yourselves to the common cause of helping build a nation.

The new Information Technology and Communications Center Building is a concrete manifestation of your unending quest at coping with the challenges of education and growing demand of the local and global communities. Surely this will serve as an avenue for comprehensive development that will enable to build the next generation cyberspace.

Once more, congratulations for that fulfilled aspiration. God Speed!

IMELDA T. DARAUG, PhD, CESO III
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I wish to congratulate the community of Colegio de San Juan de Letran - Calamba for putting up an Information Technology and Communications Center . Among others , this Center will greatly facilitate the learning of students taking courses in Information Technology, Computer Science , Information Management, Computer Engineering, and Electrical and Communications Engineering. With the inauguration of this Center , the College will more likely attract many promising students and even faculty members looking for competitive environment in their field of expertise.

Again, on behalf of the Dominican Province of the Philippines, congratulations and may the good Lord bless you and your work.

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US lockout risks E. Asia recession

SINGAPORE—The shutdown of 29 ports on the US West Coast, the key gateway for Asian exports into their biggest market, could send East Asia into recession if it lasts longer than one month, Morgan Stanley said on Thursday.

The United States imports more than $1 billion worth of goods a day from East Asia, and most are shipped through the West Coast ports, Andy Xie, Morgan Stanley's Greater China economist, wrote in a research note for clients.

"If the port shutdown lasts, it will inflict severe damage on the region's economies," the Hong Kong-based Xie said.

"Indeed, I believe that, if the shutdown lasts for more than one month, East Asia would be in recession. The consequences for the global economy are horrendous."

Xie said the shutdown has the potential to disrupt Asia's industrial production, and if the dispute were to damage the US economy, it could then hit export demand and end the export-led recovery Asia has experienced this year.

Port management locked out some 10,500 union workers on Sunday, saying workers had staged widespread work slowdowns as five-month-old contract negotiations ground to a halt.

Xie said it was possible US retailers had stocked up in recent months, anticipating a port dispute, which could suggest the strength in Asia exports had been exaggerated.

"This would imply that the region's export performance could decelerate quicker than expected," Xie said.

Bulky products would be most disrupted by the dispute, which would most affect China and Korea—two regional economies which had been stronger than others so far this year, he said.

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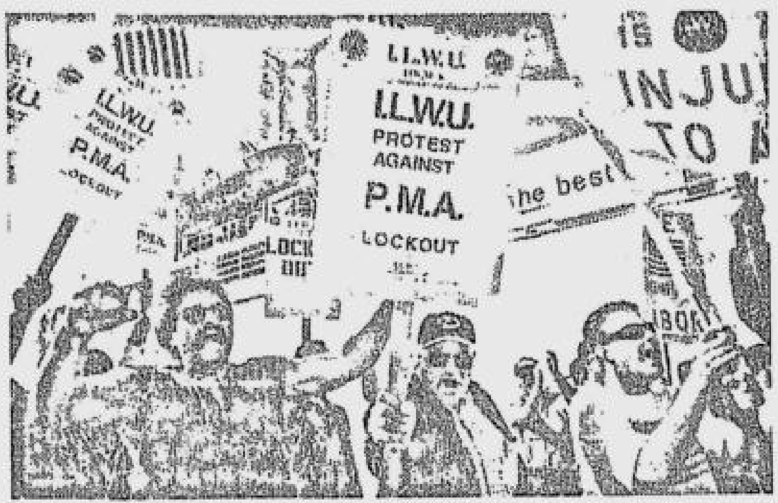

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Tokyo share prices hit 19-year lows

SINGAPORE—Plunging banks pushed Japanese shares to 19-year lows on Thursday while other Asian markets eased a day after US stocks slipped by more than 2 percent.

Investors in Japanese banks and heavily indebted companies took fright at signs of a tough government clean-out of the banking sector that could force some debtors into bankruptcy.

The leading Nikkei index had dropped 0.73 percent to 8,983.42 by 0445 GMT, after falling as low as 8,927.57, the lowest intraday level since August 1983.

Banking giants Mizuho Holdings Inc. and UFJ Holdings Inc. were both down by more than 14 percent.

"Now that a hard-landing scenario is looming, the market and banks should both be dealt a blow," said Masanori Hoshina, head of global portfolio trading and marketing at BNP Paribas in Japan. "But the banking sector will bleed the most."

A gloomy outlook from the world's No. 2 microprocessor maker, Advanced Micro Devices Inc. of the United States, encouraged selling in Taiwanese electronics companies, helping to pull that market down 1.8 percent by 0445 GMT.

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Day of reckoning for business 'bad guys'

NEW YORK—"We aim to put the bad guys in prison and take away their money." Sounding a bit like John Wayne from an old Hollywood Western, US Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson voiced the simple goal of authorities as they took aim at bringing down Andrew Fastow, one of the key players at the center of the collapse of Enron Corp .

While Thompson was speaking about the case of the former Enron chief financial officer, he could easily have been referring to other high-profile figures involved in major corporate scandals who on Wednesday also took the long walk to the halls of justice.

Douglas Faneuil, a key figure in the ImClone-Martha Stewart insider trading probe, and three members of the Rigas family, who allegedly looted cable TV company Adelphia Communications Corp., were also forced to face the music Wednesday.

Escorted by FBI agents, a grim-looking Fastow, wearing a gray suit, red tie and government-issued bracelets securing his hands behind his back, arrived at Houston's federal courthouse just blocks from the former office where he allegedly cooked up the schemes that helped destroy the energy giant.

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KPMG consulting firm now called BearingPoint

NEW YORK—Consulting firm KPMG Consulting Inc. renamed itself BearingPoint on Wednesday, trying to forge an independent identity for itself in a familiar rite of passage for the offspring of most accounting firms.

The company, which went public last year after splitting from accounting firm KPMG LLP, will also start trading on the New York Stock Exchange starting Thursday under the ticker symbol. It currently trades on the Nasdaq.

KPMG Consulting, which provides management and technology consulting services, decided to change its name earlier this year to clearly distinguish itself from the accounting industry tainted by the Enron-Andersen debacle.

"It's important to have a distinguished brand because of the confusion about the conflicts of interest with the accountants," said Banc of America Securities analyst Prakash Parthasarathy.

The company, which selected the name from a list of 550 it came up with in conjunction with outside advisers and an internal team, hopes the new brand will unify the firm's employees as it integrates acquisitions of Andersen units and former affiliates in Europe.

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MESSAGES

Inspired by the overwhelming participation by universities and colleges from all over the country last year, FINEX continues to support this year's bigger and more exciting Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition (ICFC). This FINEX tie up with the academe is important in building bridges between professional practice and the academe with the hope of strengthening ties to better prepare the finance professionals of tomorrow.

To the Junior FINEX Committee and ICFC Board of Judges, our heartfelt thanks for the dedication, hard work and shared expertise. To our sponsors and donors, our sincerest appreciation for the continuing assistance and shared belief that our future is in our youth.

We thank all the students, faculty, school administration and all those who participated and supported this national series of activities. Your participation alone is worthy of our congratulations. And to the winners, we congratulate and recognize your achievement!

CONCHITA L. MANABAT
President, FINEX

For the fourth time in as many years, the Junior FINEX Committee is organizing the Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition from August 17 to October 4, 2002. As Vice President for Internal Affairs and Liaison Director of the Junior FINEX Committee, I welcome all participating students and their coaches and faculty advisers to this year's competition.

The ICFC has evolved into a truly national contest pitting school teams from Mindanao, Visayas and Luzon. The annual search for the best finance team conducted by FINEX has become the country's most prestigious academic competition in finance.

For the past three years, participating teams have become aware of what kind of skills and aptitudes are expected nowaday's of Filipino finance professionals. Thus, students, teachers and school administrators are given an insight on what areas of their finance, accounting and economic curriculum they need to enhance and focus on.

The competition has also proven valuable in enhancing the participants' networking skills allowing them to bond with their future associates and fellow finance practitioners. Through links forged with their fellow participants, they will be able to work better with each other, furthering their careers and work together to improve the country's economy.

The Junior FINEX Committee would like to extend its gratitude and congratulations to FINEX-Cagayan de Oro, FINEX-Cebu and FINEX-Negros Occ. for their invaluable assistance in organizing the regional competitions in their areas. Special thanks and congratulations goes too to Lyceum of the Philippines for hosting the Luzon/NCR Regional Competition and Grand Boulevard Hotel for hosting the National Finals.

To the participants my sincerest thanks and wish for a fruitful participation.

GRACE P. TIONGCO
VP-Internal Affairs and Liaison Director, Junior FINEX

Welcome to all the participants of the Fourth Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition (or ICFC), the country's largest and most prestigious academic competition in finance and economics!

This year's competitions are unique; for the first time, the ICFC drew 51 participants from as far north as Baguio City and as far south as Davao City. Moreover, the 16 schools, which will be competing in the Grand National Finals today, were selected through a series of regional elimination rounds conducted between August and September.

One thing that this year's ICFC has re-affirmed is that the quest and the manifestation of scholastic excellence is not the exclusive province of a few elitist schools from any specific geographic area. It is truly heartwarming to witness the eagerness of young minds to learn and to absorb knowledge, for this is the key to making our country and its citizenry truly globally competitive.

The bottom line is simply this: by participating in the ICFC, all the competing schools, including those who may not have made it to today's finals, are winners. Eventually, the academicians and student participants who have made this year's ICFC a nationwide event may be expected to fulfill their role in helping our beloved country triumph in its drive for national development.

My congratulations and thanks to all the participants and to all those, particularly the members of the Junior FINEX Committee of the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX), who have participated in this valuable undertaking.

GUILBERT P. AQUITANIA
Junior FINEX Chair

15 Schools to Compete in ICFC National Finals

TODAY, fifteen (15) schools will be competing in the Grand National Finals of the 2002 Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition (ICFC). The event will be held at the Stargazer of the Grand Boulevard Hotel along Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Representing Mindanao in the Finals will be Ateneo de Davao University and Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology. The University of Bohol and University of San Carlos will represent the Visayas. One other Bohol school, the Holy Name University, had actually qualified for the Finals, but chose to beg off, citing conflicts with the school's academic calendar.

Also making it to the National Finals and representing Luzon/National Capital Region are Adamson University, Ateneo de Manila University, Central Luzon State University (Munoz, Nueva Ecija), De La Salle University, M.S.Enverga University Foundation (Lucena City), New Era University, Saint Scholastica's College, San Beda College, University of Makati, University of the Philippines (Diliman), and University of Santo Tomas.

A total of 51 schools participated in the regional elimination rounds that began in mid-August and were conducted in Cagayan de Oro City, Cebu City, Bacolod City, and in Manila. This is a significant increase from the initial batch of 16 Metro Manila schools which joined in the ICFC's initial run in 1999.

The ICFC is now on its fourth year and is an annual undertaking of the Junior FINEX Committee of the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX). The competition also serves as the annual kick-off event for this year's celebration of FINEX Week from October 4 to 11.

Previous winners of the previous ICFCs were the University of the Philippines (1999 and 2001) and the Ateneo de Manila University (2000).

The event has become the country's most prestigious academic competition of its nature and tests the participating schools on their grasp of accountancy, banking, financial analysis, economics, statistics, business law, international trade, and current events. It is eagerly anticipated every year by both academicians and students, numbering an estimated 250,000.

The question bank used by the contest was prepared this year by FINEX with the collaboration of the Jose B. Fernandez Center for Banking and Finance and the Asian Institute of Management, which also handles the conduct of the Chartered Finance Analyst (CFA) certification program in the Philippines. Former Finance Secretary Roberto F. de Ocampo, AIM President, will be the event's guest speaker. The event will be covered live by the ABS-CBN News Channel.

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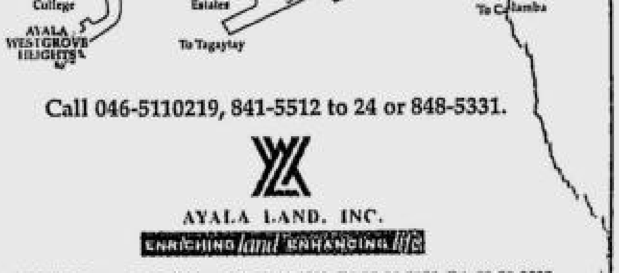

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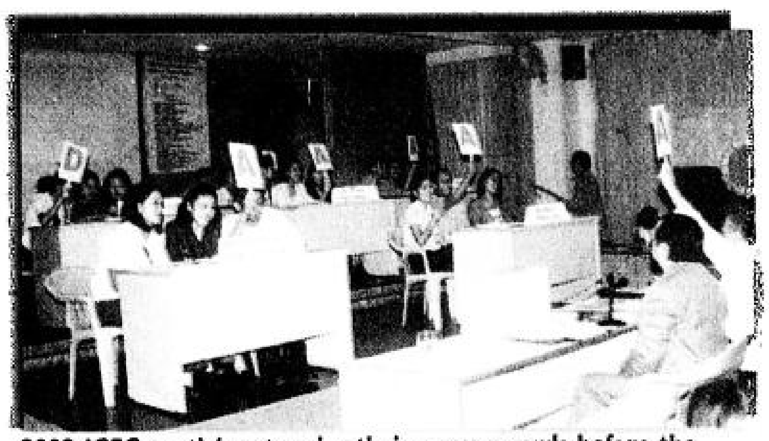

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ICFC Com chair Edwin Fernandez (left) reports to JFINEX Committee. Listening are (from left) Susan Gotaco (partly hidden), Reu Dellota, ICFC finance committee chair; Jun Naranjilla and Robin Valdes, OJT/Job placement comm-chair

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8:30 AM	Invocation - Ms. Esther P. Magleo
8:35 AM	National Anthem
8:40 AM	Opening Remarks - Mr. Guilbert Aquitania, Chairman Junior FINEX Committee
8:45 AM	Enumeration of Competition Mechanics - Quizmasters: Mr.Reu Dellota & Ms. Gema Cheng
9:00 AM	Start of Competition
10:15 AM	Break/Substitution
10:30 AM	Resumption of Competition
11:45 AM	Lunch Break
2:00 PM-	Resumption of Competition - Quizmasters: Mr. Tonyboy Ongsiangko & Ms. Judy Vasquez
3:15 PM	Break/ Substitution
3:30 PM	Resumption of Competition
4:30 PM	Proclamation of winners - Guilbert P. Aquitania
4:45 PM	Message- Mr. Roberto de Ocampo, President, Asian Institute of Management
5:00 PM	Awarding Ceremonies - Mr. Roberto de Ocampo, Mr Edgardo Limon, Ms. Grace Tiongco
5:20 PM	Closing Remarks - Mr. Edgardo Limon, EVP, Finex
5:30 PM	Cocktails

Master of Ceremonies
- Franklin F. Ysaac

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DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Oct. 4, 2002 7:00 am - 6:00 pm	ICFC Finals (Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition)	Hotel Stargazer, Grand Boulevard
Oct. 5, 2002 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Distribution of wheel chairs and to give gifts to top 5 cosmetology student in Marilac	City Hall Paranaque and Marilac Hills, Alabang
Oct. 7, 2002 9:00 am - 12:00 nn	Economic Briefing "Business Outlook for 2003- Drivers and Levers"	EDSA Shangri-la Garden Ballroom
Oct. 8, 2002 9:00 am - 11:00 am	Ethics Seminar	EDSA Shangri-la Boracay Room
Oct. 8, 2002 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	SME Seminar	DBP Auditorium
Oct. 9, 2002 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Annual Membership Meetings / FINEX Institute and FINEX Foundation Guest Speaker: MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando	EDSA Shangri-la Garden Ballroom
Oct. 9, 2002 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Elections of 2003 Officers	EDSA Shangri-la Foyer of Garden Ballroom
Oct. 9, 2002 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Tennis Tournament	Manila Polo Club
Oct. 10, 2002 8:00 am	Golf Tournament	Wack Wack Golf Club West Course
Oct. 10, 2002 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Cocktails "Affiliates Night"	Gerry's Grill Libis, Quezon City
Oct. 11, 2002 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Proper	EDSA Shangri-la Garden Ballroom
Oct. 11, 2002 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 8:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Poolside - Cocktails Lobby - RJ & Friends	Poolside EDSA Shangri-La Lobby EDSA Shangri-La

Junior FINEX ICFC Sub Committee

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Score Keeping Panel – Franklin Financials
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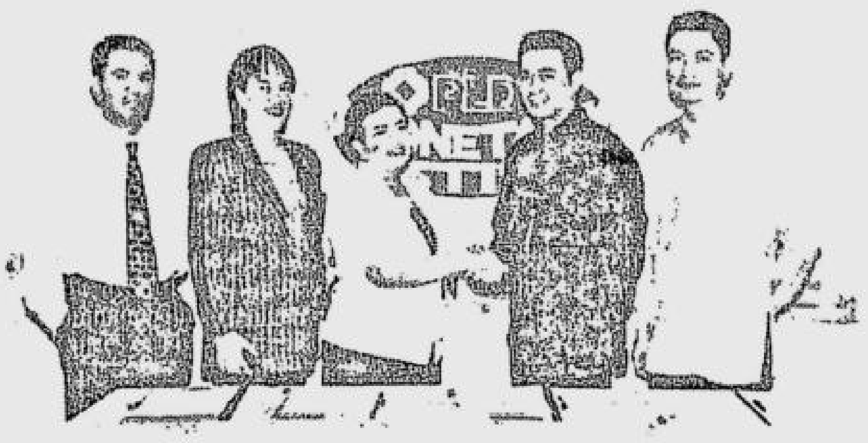
People, Events & Products

Search for high school scholars on

THE PHILIPPINE Science High School System announces its search for scholars for schoolyear 2003-2004. The search is open to all graduating elementary pupils for the current schoolyear who belong to the upper 10 percent of their graduating class as certified by their school principal, or those who have special aptitude in Science and Math. Applicants must be Filipino citizens with no pending applications as immigrants in any foreign country; will not be more than 15 years of age by June 2003; are in good health and are fit to undergo a rigorous academic program; are of good moral character and must have not taken the PSHS National Competitive Examination (NCE). The deadline for submission of application forms is on Oct. 15.

Visit any of the PSHS Campuses or DOST Regional Offices, or call 926-5701 or 924-0614 for more information. PSHS application forms are not for sale, and no reservation fee is required.

The PSHS NCE is a two-step screening process. Its first screening is scheduled on Dec. 14. Those who will qualify can take the second screening, which will be conducted on March 8, 2003.



PLDT, ABENSON, ELECTROWORLD TIEUP

Telecoms giant PLDT has tied up with Abenson Inc.—the industry leader with the largest network of stores and a pioneer in appliance supermarketing nationwide—and Electroworld, one of the biggest and farthest-reaching store networks in the Philippines on IT and business solution equipment, to bring the Phonetastic Festival. The tieup highlights the extension of PLDT's Phonetastic Festival Promo to over 50 additional Abenson and Electroworld sales outlets where promotional offers such as big discounts on Caller ID units, high-speed Internet through PLDT Vibe and myDSL, discounted landlines, as well as a lot of other PLDT services are offered. The joint promo runs from September to Nov. 5. At the contract signing for the tieup are (from left) Adriano M. Cruz Jr., assistant product manager, PLDT, Malou C. Lapuz, credit card management manager, Abenson, Marilet dV Suarez, marketing manager, Abenson, Patrick S. Tang, senior product manager, PLDT, and Ronnie Q. Colmenar, assistant vice president, Electroworld.

ZONTA METRO PASIG INSTALLATION

The Zonta Club of Metro Pasig, led by president Rosalina 'Sally' de la Paz-Magat, recently held its 6th Installation Ceremonies for biennium 2002-2004 at the Discovery Suites, Pasig with DBP president and CEO Simon R. Paterno (front row, center) as guest speaker. The Zontians shown during the ceremonies with Paterno are (front row, from left) Leni Reyes, district committee chair on the status of women/service, Baby Perez-Sison, area I vice director, Nelie Ilas, district treasurer, Lynn Sunico, area 5 director, Dandy S. Gomez, district 17 governor, Zonta International, Paz-Magat, Linda Villanueva, former vice president of Zonta International, Nonie Basilio, former area I director, Linda E. Panlilio, chair of Zonta Philippines Foundation, and Mitzi Flores-Piad, district committee chair on young women in public affairs. At the back, from left, are Delia Liquigan, Miladel Bondoc, Flery Jimenez, vice president-internal, Zonta Metro Pasig, Nancy Tiu-Lim, past president, Zonta Metro Pasig, Chuchi Villar, past president, Zonta Metro Pasig, Maria P. Morris, immediate past president of Zonta Metro Pasig, and Rita O. Lim.

BITS Clips

ASP launches media awards

THE 2002 AIDS Media Awards, an annual event organized by the AIDS Society of the Philippines that gives due recognition to the mass media for its contribution in educating the public about HIV/AIDS, was recently launched. The contest is on for the Best AIDS News Feature on TV, Radio and in Print and Best in Editorial and Strip Cartoon Illustrations. The media campaign is open to all bona fide media practitioners. Entries should be aired or published between Aug. 1, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2002. Application forms, together with entry materials and a short description of the sender should be sent to the ASP office not later than Oct. 4. Winning entries will be announced Dec. 1, in time for the global commemoration of World AIDS Day. For inquiries, call ASP at 523-1334, 536-5694, 536-5509, 536-5512, 523-1334, 524-1261 to 69 local 144.

Fruit carving course

LEARN how to make the foods you serve more visually exciting with fruit and vegetable carvings. ProActive Center for Training (PACT) offers its "How to Garnish with Fruit and Vegetable Carving Workshop" on Oct. 5, 1 to 5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, Quezon City. Reservations and inquiries are accepted at 787-6370 or 0919-5500601, or e-mail pactraining@hotmail.com. Various ways of carving vegetables such as cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, radishes and red peppers and fruits such as apples will be taught. The training fee is P1,800 per participant inclusive of the vegetables and fruits, carving tools, snacks, handouts and certificate of completion. Free shuttle service from SM Megamall to the venue, and back, will be provided.

Sta. Isabel's 1st PR congress

THE 1ST PR Students Congress of the Bachelor of Science in Public Relations (BSPR) students of Sta. Isabel College, with the theme "Challenges and Opportunities in the PR Practice", will be held today, Oct. 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Sto. Cristo del Tesoro Covered Court. 20 schools will participate. Maximino J. Edralin Jr is the keynote speaker. Gen. Honesto M. Isleta talks on the "Overview of Public Relations". Other speakers are Rene Nieva, Lucas E. Santiago, Romy P. Virtucio, lawyer Melvyn S. Martin and Ernesto R. Evasco. Part of the program is the awarding of the most outstanding public relations alumna to Gina Virtucio. For more details, call Shirley A. Rances or Fe Deborde at 525-9416 local 112.

Manila Science alumni homecoming

The Manila Science High School Alumni Foundation will hold the 2002 "Balik-MaSci, Lingap-MaSCi" Grand Alumni Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the MSHS Auditorium and school grounds. Election for the members of the board of trustees will be held during the homecoming. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. Aside from fun, food, and other freebies, there will also be surprise entertainment numbers and raffle draws. All alumni are invited. For details, get in touch with Melvin Miranda at 812-58-22 or 752-12-83, Che Prudente at 742-56-07, and Zenith Felias at 456-02-12.

STC QC '73 reunion

THERE will be an organizational meeting of all college graduates batch of 1973 of Saint Theresa's College, Quezon City on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. at the residence of Marissa Martinez-Unson. Get in touch with Celeste Rivera-Quiason at 0917-8950554, Marissa Martinez-Unson at 0917-8135762, JenJen Uy-Yu at 0917-8932121, Babot Diaz-Pascual at 0917-5272155, Gina Tanco-Gonzales at 0917-538417, Julie Go-Sy at 0917-8129353, Riz Santos-Rabaya at 0917-4959134, or Emille Uy-Ang at 0917-8392688.

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New Japan minister appoints reformer

TOKYO—New Japanese Financial Services Minister Heizo Takenaka on Thursday named a noted advocate of banking reform to a new task force that is expected to take an aggressive approach to clearing up the nation's bad loan mess.

Takeshi Kimura, head of KPMG Financial Inc. in Tokyo and a former Bank of Japan official, was among five private-sector members of the task force, which will draw up a plan by the end of the month to accelerate disposals of nonperforming bank loans.

Kimura has openly disagreed with the government's so far cautious approach to problems in the banking sector, calling for a stricter assessment of banks' bad loans and the build-up of their loan-loss provisions.

His appointment added to the worries of some investors that the government will force a hard landing solution to banks' bad loan problems that would require faster write-offs of sour loans.

Bank shares fell heavily on Thursday.

Other private sector members of the task force include Yutaka Kosai, chairman of the Japan Center for Economic Research and former BOJ Policy Board member Nobuyuki Nakahara. *Reuters*

US CEOs see slower growth

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia—Top US executives expect slower economic growth in the months and year ahead and, while not expecting a new recession, think capital spending will at best stabilize or perhaps fall further, according to a survey out on Wednesday.

About 94 percent of the chief executives surveyed by the US Business Council expect economic growth to slow in the second half of 2002 from the 3.2 percent tallied in the first half of the year. And almost two-thirds, or 65 percent, expect that growth will fail to top 3 percent next year.

"The best case next year ... is for a very modest economic recovery," Bill Harrison, CEO of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Inc.

said. "It is clear that respondents' firms are concentrating on cost containment."

The elite chief executives of companies like McDonalds Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co., and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. who belong to the US Business Council were gathering at the posh Greenbrier resort nestled in the mountains of West Virginia for a semi-annual discussion about the economy and security.

Oh yes, and a round or two of golf.

The US economy began recovering late last year but the recovery has been uneven, with annualized growth of 5.0 percent in the first quarter dwindling to a rate of 1.3 percent in the second. The economy contracted in the first three quarters of 2001, ending a record decade-long expansion.

Clouds on the economy's horizon include the reluctance of many companies to increase capital spending and possible US military involvement in the Middle East.

"This is just another negative ... with respect to the capital markets and the equity markets," said Harrison, who is also vice chairman of the council.

"We are in an environment that is so much more risk averse," said Carly Fiorina, CEO of computer giant HP. "It's still looking a little murky out there, so we're going to stay more risk averse as opposed to risk prone."

The vast majority of CEOs expect capital spending to stabilize or drop next year. Some 65 percent of executives expect wages to remain stable next year, while 31 percent expect wage gains to slow.

About 40 percent of executives expect the pace of hiring to remain stable, with only 19 percent predicting work force reductions. But 79 percent of respondents said unemployment, currently at 5.7 percent, will rise next year.

Yet, those executives were more upbeat than many analysts about their sales outlook. More than half of respondents believe their company's sales will grow "somewhat" or "notably" in the coming year.

Expected to attend the confab were a myriad of CEOs from a variety of companies, including Bank of America Corp., Sprint Corp. and Walt Disney Co.

Past attendees who were notably absent this year included Kenneth Lay, disgraced Enron CEO, and former Tyco boss Dennis Kozlowski, who has been indicted on corruption charges. *Reuters*

HP Makes it Easier for Businesses to Realize the Benefits of Color Printing

HP kicks off a one-day exhibit to showcase its latest portfolio of affordable and professional Color Printing and Imaging Solutions for Businesses

THE LOCAL market is in for the most colorful revelation as HP Philippines unveils its widest range of color printing and imaging solutions designed to set the standard in the market with price, performance and ease-of-use breakthroughs. Slated on October 4, 2002 at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila Hotel, the exhibit will feature HP's newest product offerings that address current business imperatives of all customer segments, from large enterprises to small and medium businesses to the mobile professional.

Among the products to be highlighted in the exhibit are the latest line-up of HP color LaserJets, multi-function printers, business inkjets, large format Designjets, Mobile printers and the newest member of its imaging and printing family – the HP Digital Projectors.

HP has long set the standards in the global printing technology space. With its new product announcements, HP pushes the benchmarks further to break the barriers that prevent businesses from trying out a more colorful and creative approach to their traditional document output.

Concerns on the cost, speed, management and maintenance of new printer units are apparently too much for most businesses to handle. This is why HP has applied its industry-leading expertise in commercial printing to allow them the freedom to adopt the ingenuity of color in their business functions.

In addition, HP's general printers utilize a common printer platform that streamlines the installation process, making HP Color LaserJet and business InkJet printers as simple to use and manage.

What's more interesting is how HP has intently focused on the expanding needs of the market to come up with more solutions that will answer their mobile requirements. With the addition of digital projectors to their growing product portfolio, HP now has the most of the digital market covered, offering only the best selection of solutions at affordable prices.

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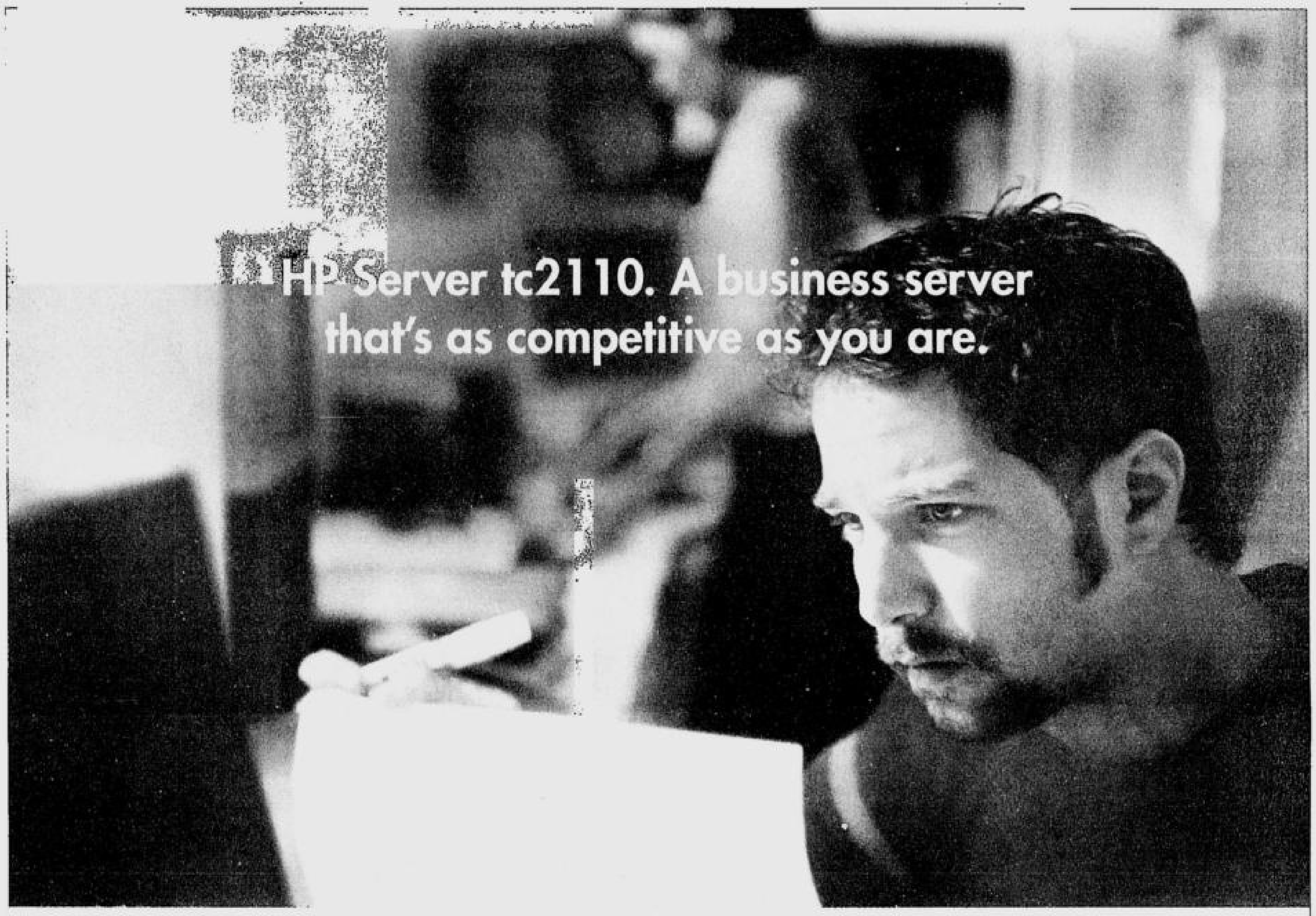
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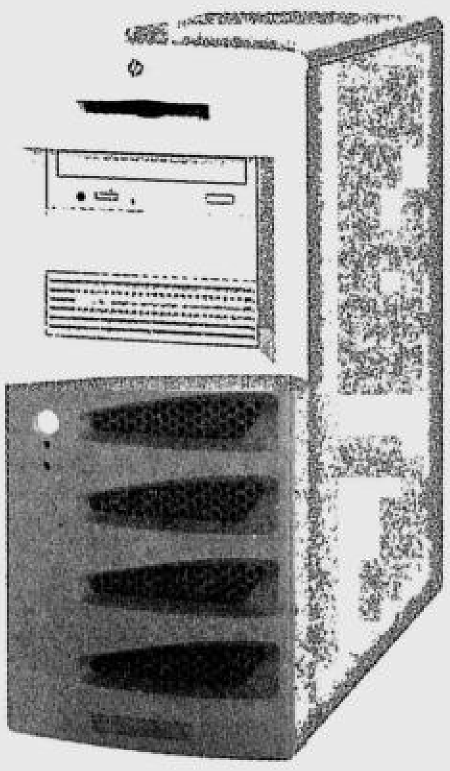

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NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The National Food Authority (NFA) is inviting all Palay Farmers Organizations (FOs)/Farmers' Cooperatives (FCs), Farmers Associations (FAs) and Federation of Palay Farmers' Group (FPFGs) to participate in the distribution of rice under the **FARMERS AS DISTRIBUTORS** (FAD) II Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority/Philippine International Trading Corporation.

All interested parties are advised to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI), sample of which is shown as Exhibit 1, to the nearest NFA Provincial Office on or before **October 11, 2002.**

New applicants should submit their LOIs together with supporting documents to the NFA Provincial Office while those already accredited under FAD I need only to submit an LOI.

For details, they may coordinate with the nearest NFA Office in their respective areas. In Metro Manila, they may directly visit or call our NCR Office located at United Nations Avenue, Paco, Manila, with telephone nos. 563-8717, 563-9451 and 563-9454.

(Sgd.) **ANTHONY R.A. ABAD**
Administrator

Exhibit 1

LETTER OF INTENT

LOI# ____________

I/We ______________________________, with business address
(name of cooperative)

at ______________________________ would like to participate in the Farmers As Distributor (FAD) II Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority (NFA) / Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC). Specifically, we would like to avail of __________ bags of rice to be withdrawn in
(quantity)

________________ from ____________ to ______________, 200_
(withdrawal point) (withdrawal period)

The NFA however, reserves the right to adjust the volume to be allocated to the farmers' group and likewise, the withdrawal points depending what is available and other factors.

Attached are the following documents to support the approval of our application:

1. Certified Photocopy of Certificate of Registration from ______________ dated ____________.
2. Financial Statement as of ________________, duly audited by an external Accountant/Auditor.
3. Original copy of Board of Resolution # ____________ dated ____________, series of ____________ signifying our intention to participate in the program and authorizing ________________ and/or ______________ as our representative to transact business with NFA.

____
President/Chairman

To be filled-up by NFA
Date/Time Received: ______________
By : ______________

Checklist

☐ Certified Photocopy of Certificate of Registration
☐ Audited Financial Statement
☐ Original Copy of Board Resolution -- to participate and to authorize representative
☐ Grains Business License
— Retailing
— Wholesaling
— Warehousing
— Transporting

Basic Information

- Allowable Volume in bags for purchase per month ____________ *(not to exceed 5,000)*
- Networth (bags equivalent)____________

Certified Correct:

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Provincial Registration & Licensing Officer

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Provincial Operations Officer/ Assistant Provincial Manager

Approved/Disapproved:

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Provincial Manager/Officer-In-Charge

(PDI - October 4, 5 & 6, 2002)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Science and Technology - Bids and Awards Committee (DOST - Wide BAC) hereby invites local suppliers, to apply for eligibility and to bid in the forthcoming public bidding for the procurement of One Lot X-Ray Flourescense Spectrometer. The approved budget is P14M charegable against PHIVOLCS funds.

Only those eligible bidders evaluated by the DOST-Wide BAC shall be allowed to participate in the bidding.

All eligible bidders may secure the necessary documents on the following dates:

Issuance of Eligibility Requirements	October 7, 2002, Rm. 207 DOST Building, Gen. Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig
Submission of Eligibility Requirements	October 11, 2002 until 5:00 p.m. at Rm. 207, DOST Building, Gen. Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig
Issuance of Bidding Documents	October 16, 2002, Rm. 207, DOST Building
Pre-Bid Conference	October 21, 2002, 10:00 a.m. / DOST Executive Lounge
Opening of Bids	November 5, 2002, 10:00 a.m. / DOST Executive Lounge, Bicutan, Taguig

Prospective bidders may surf our DOST website addressed at: http://www.dost.gov.ph

The DOST-Wide BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any formality and make an award to the bidder whose bid proposal is the lowest calculated responsive bid and advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **JOCELYN G. ALVARADO**
Assistant Secretary and
Chairperson, DOST-Wide BAC

(PDI – Oct. 2 & 4, 2002)

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation
Energy Center, Merrill Road
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, M.M.
Telephone 893-1320 loc. 5115 Fax 840-1461

PNOC
The Energy Company

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION/ELIGIBILITY AND RE-BIDDING

The PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites Contractors classified by and registered with the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) as IAC SMALL B in Electrical Works or General Building – Building and Industrial Plants to apply for pre-qualification/eligibility and if subsequently found eligible, to bid for the project:

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT (OFF-GRID)
FOR DAKU ISLAND, MOLOCABOC, SAGAY CITY,
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
under Bid/Project No. EDC 02-059-1

The work calls for the supply of minor materials, labor, supervision, equipment, tools, consumables, including the supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning and other services necessary to provide electric power supply to Daku Island, Molocaboc, Sagay City, Negros Occidental.

The pre-qualification/eligibility forms may be secured from the Contracts Administration Group (c/o I.M. Corcuera) starting **September 27, 2002, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Hundred Pesos (PHP100.00).

The pre-qualification/eligibility documents must be submitted to the Contracts Administration Group not later than **5:00 p.m. of October 11, 2002.**

Bid documents shall be issued to eligible Contractors starting **October 16, 2002** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (PHP1,000.00).

For purposes of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **October 25, 2002, 9:00 a.m. at Sagay City, Negros Occidental.** Site inspection to follow thereafter.

Sealed bids in three (3) sets shall be received by the Contracts Administration Group at the above address not later than **2:00 p.m. of October 31, 2002** then to be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

(Sgd.) **Ester R. Guerzon**
Manager, Operations Services Division

(PDI - Oct. 4, 2002)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

NOTICE FOR FARMERS' IMPORTATION

The National Food Authority (NFA) is hereby giving notice to all capable and/or qualified Palay Farmers Organizations (FOs) Farmers' Cooperatives (FCs)/Farmers Associations (FAs) and Federation of Palay Farmers' Group (FPFGs) to participate in the importation of premium, fancy and/or glutinous rice under the Farmers as Importers (FAI) Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority/ Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC).

All interested parties are advised to accomplish and submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) sample of which is shown as Exhibit 1, within five (5) days from **October 7-11, 2002** to the NFA Provincial Offices in their respective areas.

For details, they may coordinate with the nearest NFA office in their respective areas. In Metro Manila, they may directly visit or call our Marketing Operations Department located at 5th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City, and with telephone nos. 712-1928 and 712-1564.

(Sgd.) **ANTHONY R.A. ABAD**
Administrator

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I/WE ______________________________, with business address
(name of cooperative)

at ______________________________ would like to participate in the Farmers As Importers of Special Rice (FAISR) Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority (NFA)/ Philippine International Trading Center (PITC). Specifically, we would like to import thru the facilities of PITC ________ MT of ____________ rice to arrive on or before ________
(quality) *(ETA)*

at ____________
(disport)

Attached are the following documents to support the approval of our application:

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Her body lies in state at the family residence at Malibabag, Peñablanca, Cagayan.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 6, 2002 after the Mass at the Philippine Independent Church.

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Peacefully joined his Creator
on Saturday, 21 September 2002 in Guam, USA at the age of 67.

His bereaved son **Scot**; brothers, sister & in-laws: **Rene & Judy Derouin** (†), **Eddy & Mimi Tanco, Terry & Bev Derouin, Manoling & Celia Ilustre**; aunt **Fanny C. Tuason**; nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces, relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains were flown to San Diego, California last Monday, 30 September 2002. Military Honors with a 21-Gun Salute, Presentation of the Flag & TAPS will follow after cremation and Memorial Services that will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 12 October 2002 at Greenwood Memorial Park Garden Chapel, 1-805 and Imperial Avenue, San Diego, California.

Per his wish, his cremains will be scattered at sea by the US Navy at a non-determined point with only military personnel in attendance.

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EDUARDO M. LIMCANGCO

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His bereaved wife **Lita**; sons **Joel** and **Johan**;
daughters-in-law **Joy** and **Ina**; grandchildren **Jessie** and **Julia**;
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Her remains lie at the Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes, Junquera Street, Cebu City.

Interment will be on Saturday, October 5, 2002 at the Cebu Memorial Park (CEMPARK), Banilad, Cebu City after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Sto. Rosario Parish Church, Cebu City.

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Young population makes RP top toy market

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

WITH over half of the population of 80 million below 18 years old, the Philippines has become a major market for both local and international toy retail firms.

Combine the demographics with the strong Filipino family ties that include the purchase of a toy almost every week, then the market becomes even more valuable in the eyes of these companies.

American brands have so far dominated the market, both because of the Filipinos' mentality that American products are better.

Cartoons

Philippine industry players, however, agree that toys that have cartoon characters on them almost always fly off the shelves.

Steven Ching, owner of the Characters Unlimited retail chain, tells Business Friday that items with cartoon characters, particularly those that appear on television, do well in the Philippines because of the awareness with children and parents.

There are no figures for cartoon characters retail business in the Philippines but it was estimated that revenues in Asia from sales of all licensed merchandise (cartoons, movie/music, sports, fashion, automative and interactive properties, etc.) amounted to $25 billion in 2000, amounting to a 17.8-percent share of the world market for such products.

Of these licensed merchandise, TV cartoon characters products are expected to be on top of the ranks.

A case in point is the Powerpuff Girls of Turner Entertainment's Cartoon Network. Despite being limited to the cable TV subscribers, Blossoms, Buttercup and Bubbles have captured the imagination of children and their parents.

"Powerpuff girls products are consistently bestsellers unlike movie characters such as those from Disney—Hunchback of Notre Dame and Little Mermaid. Products with these characters sell well but only for a very short time. We normally shy away from these," Ching explains.

Anton S. Gonzalez, who owns the KidzStation chain of toy stores, also says that the television characters help items sell well. The best sellers are Powerpuff Girls and Blues Clues for the children.

Barbie

Gonzalez, however, says that Barbie remains the single best-selling product in the toy section, which can again be traced to the fascination with American products.

"It is really a seasonal business. Sales normally peak from October to December and then the rest of the year is tough, but the items that do sell consistently are Barbie products, and the second would be cartoon-inspired products," Gonzalez said.

KidzStation also carries movie character items but these normally sell only during the duration of the movie, hardly any after movie sales. This was the experience, for example, during the height of the Harry Potter mania and when the Spiderman blockbuster movie was released earlier this year.

Ian Diamond, senior vice president and general manager of Cartoon Network, says in an interview that cartoon characters appeal to Filipinos because of their sense of humor.

"I think the fun factor is a major player in determining the success or failure of products in the Philippines. The power of cartoons lies in the simplicity and flexibility of design. These are key when translating these properties over many different product categories," Diamond says.

CARTOON Network's Ian Diamond with Bubbles of the Powerpuff Girls.

As to the popularity of Powerpuff Girls, Diamond attributes it to the fact that the audience can enjoy it many different ways.

Cartoon Network has over 90 licensees in the region and most of the popular products are not even too much on toys but on actual useful products like fashion accessories, apparel, bags, books, car accessories, cellular phone accessories, footwear, interactive games, stationery, swim wear, personal care, bottled drinks and watches.

Classics

Marilu Corpus, chief executive officer of Click! Licensing and Promotions Inc., meanwhile, says that the cartoon classics such as Sesame Street continue to draw a lot of buyers. She also agrees that characters that are tied with programs have continued to sell well.

"The way products develop here shows that the products are no longer just toy-based. It also depends on the season. For example, if it is back-to-school season, then items such as school bags and notebooks sell better. Then for the pre-teens, the older characters appeal more. Then there is Blues Clues and Barney for the toddlers," Corpus explains.

Corpus also noticed the increasing popularity of tie-ins between quick service restaurants such as McDonald's and the local Jollibee with the licensees of foreign cartoon characters in the Philippines.

Perhaps because of the declining purchasing power of the Filipinos due to the deterioration of the economy, most parents these days would just buy the meal that comes with a free toy like those offered by these restaurants instead of going to a mall to buy a toy.

Corpus says, however, that toys would continue to do well in the country because of the Filipinos' familiarity with these products compared with the rest of Asia.

Unique market

"I have not seen any market like ours in Asia that have so many products in one store, except of course for the advanced markets like Hong Kong and Singapore," Corpus, who has operations in Asian countries, says.

The Philippines is also noted in the region for having one of the highest sales of Barbie dolls.

Ching of Characters Unlimited says that it is a phenomenon that is often discussed with other toy companies during regional meets.

"In other countries, Barbie merchandise (apparel and footwear) sell well, but not the toy itself. But here, both the toy and the other merchandise sell very well. I do not know why," he says.

KidzStation's Gonzalez says he expects the branded toy business to continue to grow in Metro Manila, if only because the Philippines exhibited the highest population growth rate in the region.

"It is part of our culture to have many children, so it represents a market for the toy business although I expect that the branded goods would do well only in Metro Manila, but not so much in the provinces," he says.

Diamond of Cartoon Network, on the other hand, says there has been a surge of cartoons and animated entertainment globally, and more characters would be introduced to boost the business. He expects the Philippines and Asia to follow that growth.

Ruben Yu, owner of Smarty Toys, one of the biggest suppliers of toys in the Philippines, says the toy market has become more challenging these past two years because of the flooding of imitations from China.

Lax rules

Unlike Singapore and Hong Kong with very strict intellectual property rights laws, the Philippines is comparatively lax when it comes to the selling and trading of unlicensed toys and merchandise, and this is mainly due to poverty.

He estimates that the Philippine toy market reaches a turnover of $500 million a year, but 80 percent of the products cater to the low-end market.

Yu adds that products with TV cartoon characters sell well compared with the other product categories because of the constant exposure of kids to television.

For him the popular products are Power Rangers for the high-end range and Pokemon, Doraemon for the middle to low-end markets.

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SHANGHAI—Move over, Sony and Samsung.

The next big Asian brand is likely to come from China, now the world's workshop with low-technology, low-profile companies churning out cheap consumer goods for export.

"Made in China" is set for a slow but inevitable image makeover as the country's corporations creep up the value-added chain, launching new identities overseas to escape crushing price wars in increasingly saturated home markets, analysts say.

Lower-tech products such as household goods—which China can produce at competitive prices and quality—are leading the charge to create a global Chinese brand.

"We really want to become a first-class brand. It's our business strategy," Zhou Yunjie, vice president of marketing at appliance giant Haier, told a conference this month during a slick presentation on how to woo loyal customers.

Haier, China's best-known name, has gone straight for the global jugular by targeting the world's largest market—the United States—with showpiece New York headquarters and a distribution deal with its largest retailer, Wal-Mart.

Although the Haier brand is making inroads into the global consumer consciousness, analysts say the deciding factor for overseas buyers is still its dirt-cheap prices.

"Haier's been very successful but it's largely low-end products," said Jonathan Anderson, executive director of Asia-Pacific research for Goldman Sachs.

A raft of imitators

Among Haier's hottest products in the United States are mini-fridges for offices or dormitories, the cheapest selling on www.walmart.com for $78.83.

China's cheap labor allows Haier and competitors to keep their prices that low for the outside world, but at home they go even lower, thanks to a decade-long price war that has turned appliance-making into a Darwinian struggle for survival.

The survivors are turning to exports, and Haier's success abroad has spawned a raft of imitators.

Seven Chinese TV makers, including Haier, resolved an anti-dumping tiff with the European Union this month to secure access to the world's second largest consumer market.

But most exporters like washing machine maker Wuxi Little Swan are heading for developing countries where price matters most. They are saving larger, mature markets for later.

"We should really learn from Haier," Xu Yuan, vice president of Little Swan, said over coffee after a strategic branding meeting in Shanghai.

Little Swan exports to Southeast Asia and Latin America, where consumers are more price sensitive, Xu says, and is hoping to expand from there.

The firm redesigned its logo with the help of a foreign brand consultant a few years ago, giving its namesake bird a stylized, pop-art edge and depicting it mid-flight.

"That way it looks more modern, more progressive," he said.

Moving up the food chain

To some extent at least, the export strategy is working.

China's largest TV maker, Sichuan Changhong, reported a profit leap of more than 400 percent during the first half of the year and credited it to overseas sales.

Little Swan has yet to see the export payoff, with its net profit shrinking in 2000, 2001 and the first half of 2002.

Advertising executives say China will have little trouble creating a brand identity that travels well, despite the fact that few companies trumpet their origins as a reason to be proud.

Haier, for example, tacks the word "America" onto its brand-name when selling at Wal-Mart.

"I think China's cool," said Bob Isherwood, creative director for top global advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi, pointing to recent successful advertising campaigns using Chinese images from hip Italian jeans maker Diesel.

It's a barrier that Japan's Sony, South Korea's Samsung and Taiwan's Acer have all had to conquer in the last two decades.

"If you think back 20 years ago 'Made in Japan' meant cheap and nasty, and then 'Made in Taiwan' meant the same thing," said Patrick Pitcher, Saatchi's Asia-Pacific CEO.

"Both Japan and Taiwan have evolved and can be associated with some fantastic luxury goods. Lexus, for example," Pitcher said, referring to the Japanese car.

Economists say it will take China a decade before it passes the mantle of Asia's light manufacturing hub to India or Vietnam and reaches the level South Korea or Taiwan are at now.

China's vast continental economy, low per-capita income and billion-plus population mean companies in many sectors can comfortably target the domestic market, and growing national wealth has a lot of pockets to trickle down into. *Reuters*

Benguet university markets healthy 'junk food' alternative

By Frank Cimatu
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LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—The growing number of obese schoolchildren in Benguet prompted some local municipal councils to file resolutions to stop the selling of junk food in school canteens. But the resolutions were eventually junked because they went against the pupils' freedom of choice.

As an alternative, the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology and the Benguet State University here decided to go into business and produce a nutritious snack masquerading as a tasty junk food.

"Nutrimo" is a rice and mongo curl introduced recently in elementary schools here and in nearby Baguio City. Nutrimo was a shortened form of "Nutrition *mo* (Your nutrition)."

Dr. Jane Avila, dean of BSU home economics department and manager of the BSU food processing center, says they have produced 96 bags of Nutrimo containing 20 five-gram pieces each.

A bag costs P1 at school canteens (compared with P5 for junk food of the same size), with BSU getting only 10 centavos from every sale, Avila says.

"This is more of a social contribution," she adds.

Dr. Anita Picpican, science research specialist of DOST Cordillera, explains that the FNRI chose Benguet, Bicol and the Caraga regions as pilot sites for the production of cheap and nutritious snacks.

She says BSU was chosen because its food-processing center is big enough to mass-produce Nutrimo.

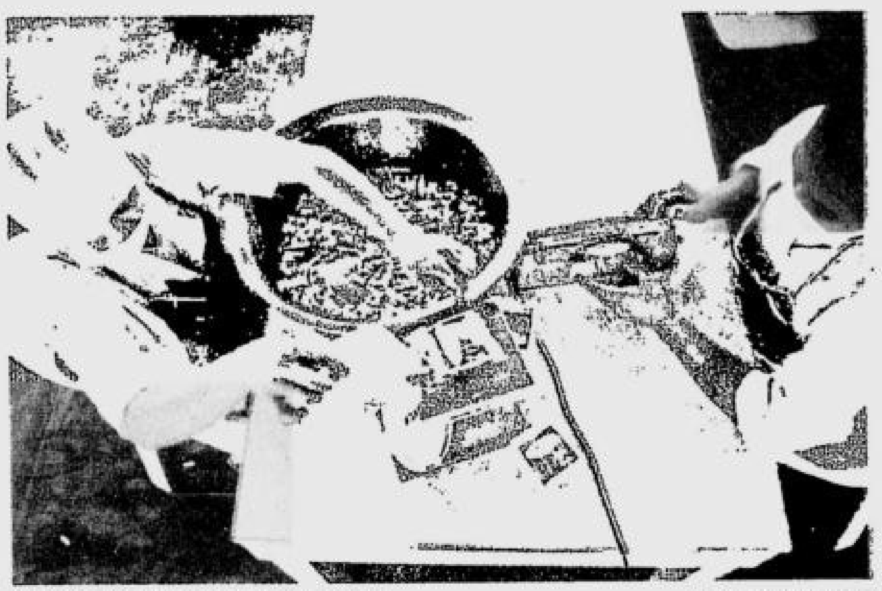
FNRI provided the start up capital and P500,000 worth of equipment to process the snack.

Avila says once production goes full blast, the equipment can process a cavan of rice and 21 kilograms of mongo a day to make Nutrimo. The ratio for Nutrimo is 70 percent rice and 30 percent mongo, she says.

"This is enough to provide a nutritious snack for the students," she stresses.

The other ingredients are corn oil and flavoring. These undergo grinding, mixing, extruding, cooking, drying, mixing and flavor coating, and packaging.

Picpican says Nutrimo is sold in barbecue and natural flavors, but more flavors will be introduced once the snack gains widespread popularity.



NUTRIMO taps big snack market.

PHOTOS BY EV ESPIRITU

She says the group has been talking with the Department of Education to market the snack in public elementary schools in the region.

FNRI says that unlike most junk food items, Nutrimo contains protein, calcium, iron, Vitamin A and iodine.

Iodine is particularly essential in the diet of Cordillera children as iodine deficiency in the region, pegged last year at 40.1 percent among elementary schoolchildren, is higher than the national average of 35.8 percent.

According to the Cordillera Nutrition Council last year, a tenth of the 30,000 elementary schoolchildren in Baguio City are overweight. Almost 7 percent of the elementary schoolchildren in Benguet are also obese.

The CNC says junk food and a sedentary lifestyle contribute to the obesity of the schoolchildren.

Avila adds that she and the group are thinking of marketing Nutrimo later in local *sari-sari* (variety) stores and supermarkets.

"But as of now, the packaging is simple as they are only packed in polyethylene bags. We need to do some repackaging," she says.

She also says that they have to survey students on what flavor they want on the Nutrimo.

"In our experience, the schoolchildren here want the cheese flavor," she says.

Picpican says after Nutrimo, they would also introduce local processed food for infants, also containing rice and mongo.

NUTRIMO will soon diversify into infant food.

DVD: New ad medium?

By Roger Pe
Contributor

DO you have an audio-video corner in the house? What about a full entertainment room? Or a 'movie house' with full digital soundtrack, gadgets and all?

The integration of advertising and content is reaching new heights. With the home penetration of DVD expected to grow by leaps and bounds, it has become a high involvement medium for consumers, with hours of additional selling, giving advertisers more opportunities for product placements and brand associations.

By the time the third quarter of the year was over, the DVD was expected to reach almost 15 percent household penetration, with more than 4 million DVD-compatible devices such as Sony PlayStation2—in homes by the end of the year.

The boom is attributed to increased production, price cut-downs and promotion of collectible releases.

The rise of of DVD, including interactive TV, pushes product advertising to center-stage of some marketing plans.

This direct communication route gives both consumers and advertisers a two-way street: consumers may purchase RayBan, Oakley, Tag Heuer, Omega, Calvin Klein, Replay, your favorite CDs, etc. and advertisers provide a medium to order direct through the media they see it on.

With the growth of future technologies, product advertising on DVD can be designed with a specific sales opportunity through unique promotions tied in. Not to take anything away from the traditional media, some optimistic direct marketers see this as a high-end niche media category for the entertainment landscape.

Richard Wiesel of Wise Owl Entertainment Australia (a company which integrates advertising into entertainment content) says "What we are doing here is saying, here's a new way to create a sale."

What's the fuss about advertising on DVD? It has versatility and ability to contain huge possibilities to create value for both consumers and advertisers.

DVD, SO MUCH MORE.
ADD THIS TO YOUR COLLECTION
OWN IT FROM MAY 23

COLUMBIA Tristar Home Entertainment spent more than $500,000 in promoting the Charlie's Angels' DVD release.

A single layer DVD has seven times the capacity of a CD-ROM, while a dual player DVD has 12 times the load. A range of features not only enhance DVD's collectability for consumers, it also makes them a positive environment for advertisers.

The high level of consumer involvement in DVDs gives advertisers so many ways of integrating their brands into DVD releases. Direct links to products or brand web pages, for example. It is also being used for positive association with the brand.

It is also the preferred promotional tool for giveaways by magazines and other topnotch brands in the United States and other European countries because consumers see it as cutting edge.

Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment spent more than $500,000 in promoting the Charlie's Angels' DVD release, sixth month ahead of the video season. Initial orders for Charlie's Angels of 120,000 far exceeded total sales of its most successful VHS release, My Best Friend's Wedding. Gladiator, with nine hours of content, was the biggest selling DVD release ever.

The total retail value of the DVD market is $100 million and the DVD industry releases more than 100 titles per month.

Pitch a sale with a ball

Expert swears by sports marketing

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MARKETING STRATEGY

CAR manufacturer Ferrari has firmly established itself as the fastest car on earth primarily because of its successful participation in the Formula One car race with top driver Michael Schumacher behind the wheel.

Nike, on the other hand, has become synonymous with basketball since it provides the footwear of almost all of the most popular basketball stars in the National Basketball Association, earning for itself millions of dollars in revenues.

It is not just about products.

Professional athletic teams like basketball's Los Angeles Lakers, baseball's New York Yankees and English football's Manchester United have become brands of their own, with successful merchandising operations behind the revered names.

Rick Burton, director of the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon, says it is no accident that these global companies have invested millions of dollars in different sports sponsorships, and in return get much more in annual revenues.

The sports industry in the United States was estimated to be worth at least $200 billion including advertising, products, tickets and travel costs. Ferrari, for instance, spends about $300 million a year for its F-1 team.

"These companies have realized the appeal of the imagery of sports, the emotion of sports. It is a universal language," Burton said in an interview during his recent visit to the Philippines.

Burton came to the Philippines to give a free lecture to marketing students. He talked about sports marketing as a viable career and the opportunities for sports marketing professionals in Australia, Asia and in the United States.

Sports, he explained, is about the values such as competition, sportsmanship, performance, and yes, victory that appeal to all ages and all income classes.

"What sports marketing does is to take these values such as excitement and performance and use them to make a brand or a product more dynamic," Burton said.

Companies that have successfully latched on to these sports values include drink manufacturer Gatorade, Miller Beer and softdrinks firm Coca-Cola.

These companies' investments are returned in the form of brand recall especially with the global broadcast of big sports events such as the World Cup and in free advertising since games are picked up by global television networks.

Burton said it is the job of a sports marketing person to figure out if a product or company can successfully pick out attributes from sports to help push the product.

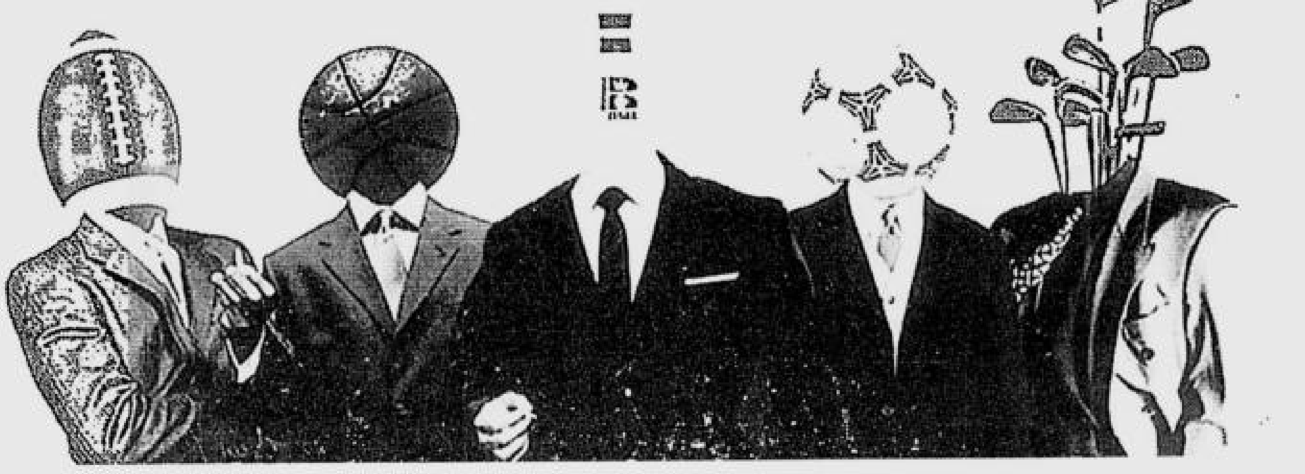
He cautioned that not all sports marketing campaigns are successful.

But if a sports marketing person happens to spot the winners, then it is a different story altogether.

In the Philippines, for instance, food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. experienced sales spurts whenever it won a basketball game under the Philippine Basketball Association.

Burton added that the appeal of sports has never been more felt as today when the world is looking for heroes, for something to believe in.

"I believe sports creates heroes. It is the one place where the impossible is made real," he said.



Attaining competitive advantage

IF your only tool is a hammer, you look at everything as nails," said Josiah Go, official program consultant, "The Art of Marketing Warfare" Agora conference.

Go used the statement to illustrate how today's marketers have confined themselves to the 4Ps of marketing in an effort to sustain competitive advantage. "Sustainable competitive advantage has many faces—hard assets, knowledge and even execution. Yet, marketers become prisoners of the 4Ps."

His message: Learn to attain competitive advantage in good times and bad.

How? Know the winning strategies of the marketing masters—top CEOs and educators, all Agora awardees or coming from Agora award-winning companies.

Some of them were tapped as session speakers in the "The Art of Marketing Warfare" conference to be held on Oct. 10 and 11 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko.

Go, himself one of the session speakers in "The Art of Marketing Warfare" and an Agora awardee, took the lead role in designing the conference, taking into consideration the so-called faces of sustainable competitive advantage—hard assets, knowledge and execution.

With this in mind, Go thus came up with modules touching on the three faces as follows: Assembling Hard Assets; Profiting from Insights and Foresights; and Developing Frontline Execution Skills.

Each module was then further broken down into two sessions: Module 1: "Building, Growing and Sustaining Brands"/"Leveraging from World-Class Distribution and Logistics": Module 2: "Establishing and Nurturing a Knowledge-based Marketing Organization"/"Building Value Via Lowest Cost"; and Module 3: "Organizing for "WOW SERVICE" from the Heart"/"Creating Differentiation in Marketing Implementation."

Marketing-savvy Go even gave trendy and catchy subtitles to each session, driving home, in a creative manner, the point of each session. Consider the following: "Bee Happy", "Faster, Better, Closer", "The Beautiful Minds," "Extra, Extra," "I Shall Return" and "Just Do It."

While Go advises marketers to go beyond 4Ps, he explained that should they opt for such approach, they should be able to synchronize their marketing strategy with the corporate strategy.

This is the reason, according to him, why marketing plans are sometimes rejected by management.

Considering the diverse backgrounds of the session speakers in "The Art of Marketing Warfare", Go says that the different "schools of thought" to be espoused by the speakers are in fact encouraged and should work to the advantage of the participant.

You can catch Josiah Go in "The Art of Marketing Warfare" if you register now with the PMA Secretariat at Tel Nos. 892-3144, 893-7127 and 813-0466.

FCDUs still exempt from taxes

By Jose A. Osana
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TAX-FILES

THE FOREIGN Currency Deposit Unit or FCDU is an accounting unit or department in a local bank or in an existing local branch of foreign banks authorized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to operate under the expanded foreign currency deposit system.

Under the expanded foreign currency deposit system, depositary banks qualified by the BSP may obtain foreign currency loans from, and may conduct foreign currency transactions with residents, non-residents, offshore banking units in the Philippines and other FCDUs.

The FCDU was created under Presidential Decree No. 1035 dated September 30, 1976 to expand the foreign currency lending authority of local commercial banks then operating as depositary banks under the Foreign Currency Deposit Act (Republic Act No. 6426).

Its creation, as in the case of the Offshore Banking Units created under P.D. No. 1034, is seen as beneficial and advantageous to the country by increasing our links with foreign lenders, facilitating the flow of desired investments into the Philippines, creating employment opportunities and expertise in international finance, and contributing to the national development effort.

P.D. No. 1035 provides that the net income of FCDU from foreign currency transactions with, non-residents, offshore banking units in the Philippines and other depository banks under said expanded system shall be subject to a 5-percent tax which shall be in lieu of all taxes on said transactions.

FCDU taxation

To implement the taxation of FCDUs under P.D. No. 1035, the Department of Finance, through the recommendation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), issued Revenue Regulations No. 10-76 dated Dec. 14, 1976.

The regulations outlined the taxation of FCDUs, as follows:

1. Offshore income, defined as income from foreign currency transactions with non-residents, offshore banking units in the Philippines and other depository banks under the expanded foreign currency deposit system shall be subject to a 5 percent tax;

2. Onshore income, defined as interest income from foreign currency loans granted to residents (other than offshore banking units in the Philippines or other depository banks under the expanded system) shall be subject to a 10 percent final withholding tax; and

3. Income not classified either as offshore income or onshore income shall be subject to the usual or normal corporate income tax (35 percent) imposed under the Tax Code.

Revenue Regulations No. 10-76 clarified that the income tax imposed on the offshore and onshore income of FCDUs shall be in lieu of all other taxes such as, but not limited to privilege tax, gross receipt tax, documentary and science stamp tax and profit remittance tax.

Exempt

Thus, since its creation under P.D. No. 1035 in 1976, FCDUs have been considered by the BIR to be exempt from gross receipts tax, documentary stamp tax and, in the case of the FCDUs of branches of foreign banks, from branch profit remittance tax.

P.D. No. 1773 dated January 16, 1981 modified the taxation of FCDUs by removing the 5 percent tax on offshore income and declaring the same exempt from all taxes.

Interest income from foreign currency loans granted by FCDU under the expanded system to residents (other than offshore banking units in the Philippines or other depository banks under the expanded system) remained subject to 10 percent final withholding tax.

Thus, beginning 1981, FCDUs were being taxed as follows:

1. Offshore income, defined as income from foreign currency transactions with non-residents, offshore banking units in the Philippines and other depository banks under the expanded foreign currency deposit system are exempt from tax.

2. Onshore income, defined as interest income from foreign currency loans granted to residents (other than offshore banking units in the Philippines or other depository banks under the expanded system) are subject to a 10-percent withholding tax as a final tax.

3. Income not classified either as offshore income or onshore income is subject to the normal corporate income tax (3 percent) imposed under the Tax Code.

The enactment of P.D. No. 1773 notwithstanding, FCDU remained exempt from all other taxes, as provided under Revenue Regulations No. 10-76. However, with the passage of the Tax Reform Act of 1997, which took effect beginning Jan. 1, 1998, the BIR has apparently taken the position that the FCDUs exemption from all other taxes such as the branch profit remittance tax has been abolished. Sections 27 (D)(3) and 28(A)(7)(b) of the Tax Code as amended by the Tax Reform Act of 1997, now read as follows:

"Income derived by a depository bank under the expanded foreign currency deposit system from foreign currency transactions with local commercial banks including branches of foreign banks that may be authorized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to transact business with foreign currency deposit system units and other depository banks under the expanded foreign currency deposit system, including interest income from foreign currency loans granted by such depository banks under said expanded foreign currency deposit system to residents, shall be subject to a final income tax at the rate of 10 percent of such income.

"Any income of nonresidents, whether individuals or corporations, from transactions with depository banks under the expanded system shall be exempt from income tax."

The phrase "exempt from all taxes" is notably absent under the new provision and this has been construed by the BIR to mean that FCDUs are no longer exempt from the payment of all other taxes.

We believe, however, that FCDUs are still exempt from all other taxes, as was the case prior to the effectivity of the Tax Reform Act of 1997. Otherwise stated, the in lieu of all other taxes provision under Revenue Regulations No. 10-76 is still effective notwithstanding the advent of the 1997 Tax Code.

Comparing the new provision under the Tax Reform Act of 1997 with the provision prior to the effectivity of the said Act, we note the following differences:

1. The new provision expanded the scope of onshore income subject to 10 percent tax. Income from foreign currency transactions with local commercial banks including branches of foreign banks and other depository banks under the expanded foreign currency deposit system, which were considered as offshore income exempt from all taxes under the old provision, is now considered as onshore income subject to 10 percent tax under the new provision.

2. The new provision is silent as to the taxation of the income of FCDUs from foreign currency transactions with nonresidents. Under the old provision said income with nonresidents, along with income from foreign currency transactions with local commercial banks including branches of foreign banks and other depository banks under the expanded foreign currency deposit system are "exempt from all taxes".

Note: This apparent inadvertence was cured by Revenue Regulations No. 10-98 issued on Aug. 25, 1998 which provides in Sections 2.24 (C) thereof that "income from foreign currency transactions with non-residents of the Philippines shall not be subject to income tax.

Thus, the amendment introduced by the 1997 Tax Code pertains merely to the reclassification of the income from foreign currency transactions with local commercial banks including branches of foreign banks, and other depository banks under the expanded foreign currency deposit system. As mentioned above, said income is already classified as onshore income subject to final tax under the 1997 Tax Code.

However, the reclassification aside, the taxation of FCDU remained basically the same under the 1997 Tax Code. Offshore income is still exempt from income tax, onshore income is still subject to 10% final withholding tax and income neither classified as onshore nor offshore is still subject to the regular rate of corporate income tax.

Although the new provision did omit the phrase "exempt from all taxes", this omission did not certainly render the "in lieu of all taxes" provision under Revenue Regulations No. 10-76 inconsistent with the new provision. There is no inconsistency because the new provision did not expressly state that FCDUs are no longer exempt from all other taxes and the omission of the phrase "exempt from all other taxes" resulted merely from the inadvertent omission of the provision concerning the taxation of income from foreign currency transactions with nonresidents which carried the said phrase "exempt from all taxes" under the old provision.

The repealing clauses of the 1997 Tax Code state among others that the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and all other laws, including charters of government-owned or controlled corporations, decrees, orders or regulations or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Considering that the "in lieu of all taxes" provision under Revenue Regulations No. 10-76 is not inconsistent with the new provision, the same is not deemed repealed by the 1997 Tax Code. Therefore, FCDUs remain exempt from all other taxes under the 1997 Tax Code.

It bears reiterating that the exemption of FCDU from all other taxes has been in place for more than 20 years. If it was the intention of the lawmakers to now subject FCDUs to other taxes, the same should have been expressly provided in the amended law.

Likewise, if the Department of Finance considered the FCDU as already subject to other taxes, it should have expressly repealed the "in lieu of all other taxes" provision under Revenue Regulations No. 10-76 when it issued Revenue Regulations No. 10-98, which implements the FCDU provisions under the 1997 Tax Code.

NOTICE OF TENDER OFFER TO STOCKHOLDERS OF
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Union Cement Corporation ("UCC") is making a tender offer to buy approximately 12% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Alsons Cement Corporation ("ACC") from the minority stockholders of ACC. At the option of the ACC stockholders, the consideration of the acquisition shall be:

(a) P0.28 for one (1) common share of ACC, or

(b) one (1) UCC share for every 3.7 ACC shares, with any remaining fractional shares paid in cash on the basis of a price of P0.28 per share.

UCC has entered into an agreement with a majority stockholder of ACC, Cemco Holdings, Inc. ("Cemco"), for the acquisition of approximately 88% of the issued and outstanding common shares of ACC.

The offer period is from October 2, 2002 to 3:00 p.m. on November 12, 2002. The offer period will not be extended.

Tendering shareholders shall have the right to withdraw any ACC shares tendered at any time during the Offer Period, unless such ACC shares have been previously accepted for payment by UCC. If tendered ACC shares are not accepted by UCC after the expiration of sixty (60) business days from the start of the offer period, tendering shareholders may likewise withdraw their ACC shares.

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The issuance of UCC shares pursuant to the tender offer is conditional upon the registration of said shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in accordance with the Securities Regulations Code and the listing of said shares with the Philippine Stock Exchange ("PSE"). ING Bank N.V. has confirmed that UCC has sufficient funds and/or unissued shares to satisfy full acceptance of the offer.

This offer is subject to the terms and conditions of the Terms of the Tender Offer and the SEC Form 19-1 filed with the SEC and the PSE on October 2, 2002. Copies of said SEC Form 19-1 are kept at the offices of the BROKER at 3/F Asian Plaza Building, 328 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Tordesillas Street, Salcedo Village, 1200 Makati City. ACC shareholders who wish to obtain a copy of said document may look for Mr. Lamberto M. Santos, Jr.

After the completion of the acquisition by UCC of approximately 88% of the shares in ACC from Cemco, a petition for voluntary delisting the shares of ACC will be filed with the PSE.

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BUSINESS

BSP urged to monitor forex trading activities

By Clarissa S. Batino

BUENAVENTURA

CAMACHO

THE PESO continued to succumb to the dollar-buying pressure yesterday as it closed 3 centavos weaker to a fresh 14-month low of 52.68 to $1, prompting Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho to ask the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to closely monitor forex trading activities.

"BSP Governor (Rafael) Buenaventura and I agreed that the central bank should check if there was speculation. But so far, it (BSP) has not found any evidence," said the finance secretary.

The peso fell anew yesterday together with the Thai baht and the Taiwan dollar even as the Japanese yen, the region's most influential currency, recovered slightly.

Traders said much of the pressure on the peso came from the strong demand of oil companies for dollars to finance their increased oil importation. This is creating a crunch in dollar supply in the market.

Oil firms need dollars to buy crude and finished oil products in line with the government's order for them to build a 40-day inventory.

Opening a centavo weaker from Wednesday's close of 52.65 to $1, the peso slid to a day low of 52.71 to $1 before regaining some strength before closing.

Camacho said the government's deficit should not be a factor in the peso-dollar movement even if traders continued to point to the fiscal problem as one of those putting pressure on the local currency.

Currency traders said the market was expecting the deficit to hit P190 billion but based on new estimates of the government, the full-year number could increase to between P183 billion and P185 billion.

The deficit in September, based on the new estimates, was seen to hit P153 billion despite the higher interest payments during the month.

Camacho refused to comment on the deficit but said he was hoping the government could manage to post a surplus during the fourth quarter.

The finance secretary insisted that external factors were the main reasons for the peso's fall, pointing to the rising tension between the United States and Iraq which was feared to affect oil supply worldwide.

He said all other currencies, including the peso, were being affected by the US-Iraq conflict.

Airlines OK cargo-only open skies deal

By Abigail L. Ho

LOCAL airlines said they could consider an all-cargo open skies agreement with the United States provided the limits on the passenger side stays, a Civil Aeronautics Board official said.

In an interview during the open skies forum at the Asian Institute of Management Wednesday night, CAB board member Alberto Lim said the country's flag carriers were amenable to an all-cargo open skies agreement if access to passenger traffic would remain protected.

"We had asked the airlines whether they were willing to give what the US wanted and they said no. But if it would just be a cargo-only deal and that the talks for the passenger component will be postponed, they said they could agree," he said.

Under the country's existing air service agreement with the United States, a full open skies system will take effect on Oct. 1, 2003 if no renegotiation takes place.

The US Air Panel earlier proposed a renegotiation of an all-cargo open skies agreement starting this month.

The Philippine Air Panel reviewed the proposal and presented the country's stand to President Macapagal-Arroyo two weeks ago for approval.

CAB vice chair Adelberto Yap said in an earlier interview that all-cargo open skies would be the Philippine panel's stand as local flag carriers were apprehensive about going into a full open-skies arrangement at this time.

But US Embassy counselor for economic affairs Morton Holbrook III said in a separate interview that an all-cargo open skies deal could be an obvious precursor to full open skies.

"Our general policy is to move toward open skies. All-cargo open skies is a step along the way to full open skies," he said.

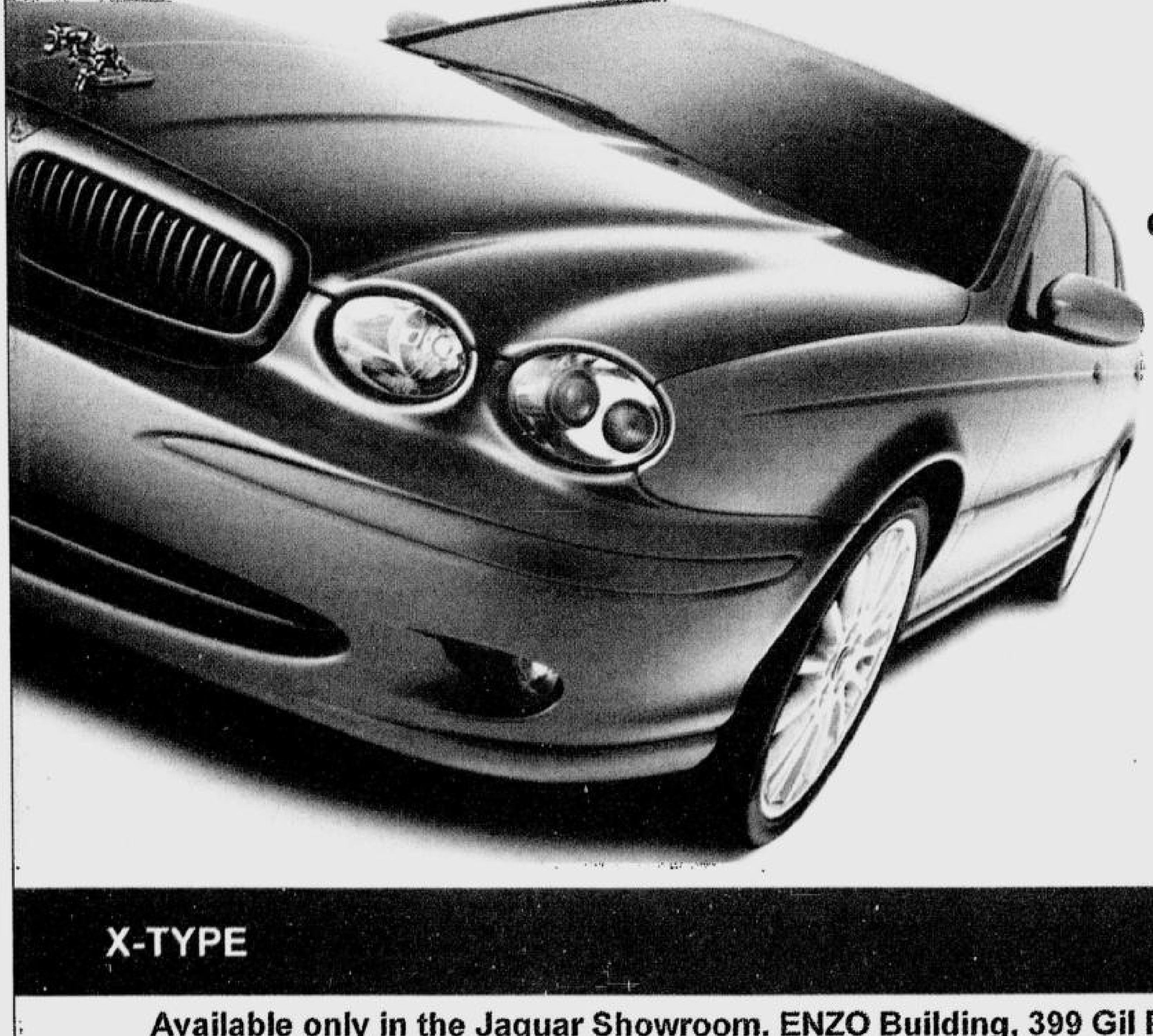
Lim said talks with the United States would most probably take place in November.

While the country prepares for talks with the United States, flag carrier Philippine Airlines Inc. remains a staunch opponent of open skies.

In its open skies briefing paper, PAL pointed out that US flag carrier Northwest Airlines was using only 14 of its 36 weekly frequencies for US mainland passenger services and seven more flights for the Guam/Saipan services.

PAL flies only 22 times weekly to the United States, or 61 percent of its total weekly entitlements.

"There is enough room to grow under the existing frequency limitations: room for the current airlines, plus one more US airline and two more RP airlines, to operate over 25 more passenger flights weekly at any time now.



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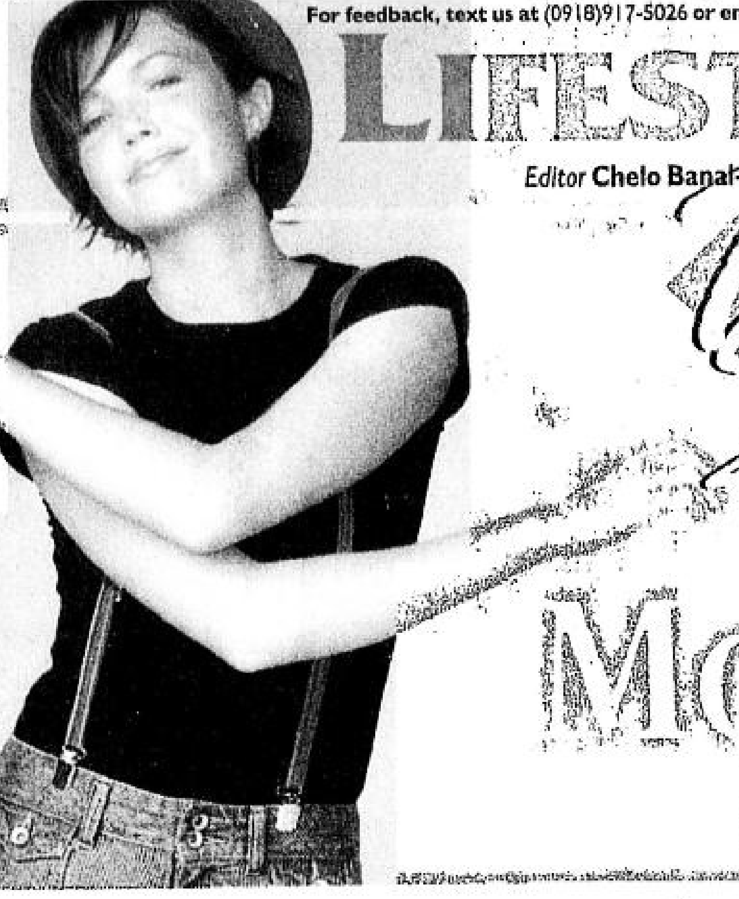

MANNISH Mandy Moore slips into a pair of pinstriped denim pants and black tee. She completes the look with a pair of red suspenders and a raspberry beret.

No Moore tears

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by James Allen

THE LONG wait is finally over. Penshoppe's highly anticipated commercial starring one of America's hottest teen sensations debuts today on primetime TV. Conceptualized in Manila by Ace Saatchi & Saatchi and shot in a multimedia store in Los Angeles, the 30-second spot shows a bubbly Mandy Moore flirting with a handsome but tentative Brad Turvey.

The ad directed by American Christopher Erskin is classic Penshoppe: fast, fun and fresh. Boy enters store in search of you-know-who's record. Clueless of its title and artist, he makes an attempt to sing a few lines of the song before the store clerk. Before he completely mangles the song, a girl in a red halter and denim skirt appears from behind and finishes it for him. "That's it!" exclaims the boy. As soon as he turns, the girl gives him a wink before making a quick exit.

Speechless from what he just saw, the boy snaps back to his senses after hearing the store clerk gush: "Are you crazy? That's Mandy Moore!" Put in another way: You fool! Why did you let the chance to get to know someone like her pass you by? A second installment is clearly in the works.

More ads?

"Probably," says Gigi Tibi, marketing manager of Golden ABC Inc., when asked about the possibility of airing succeeding Penshoppe ads revolving around the Mandy-Brad saga. "You'll know in the coming months." The Cebu-based Golden ABC also promotes and distributes Oxygen.

Penshoppe's billboard campaign came much earlier. After several weeks of teasing the public with an extreme black-and-white close-up of Mandy, with only the upper portion of her face showing, a number of its billboards now feature her wearing the brand's latest collection. American photographer James Allen did the photo shoot also in LA.

"The clothes have been in the pipeline for several months now," says Alice Liu, VP for merchandising and wife of Golden ABC's CEO Bernie Liu. "We wanted to make a splash as we relaunch the brand, but we just didn't know how to make it happen until Mandy came along."

Penshoppe and Mandy seem like a perfect fit. "She goes for casual, practical and comfortable clothes," adds Liu. "We've always put a premium on the fabric's feel and the clothes' construction. Other brands may offer similar products for less, but they don't offer a guarantee of quality like we do."

Forecast

Liu and his team of merchandisers also update themselves with what's hot from agencies based in London and New York. These so-called fashion forecasters provide Penshoppe with materials and websites featuring the latest trends in fashion. These trends, in turn, will become the basis of Penshoppe's collection for the coming season.

"We came up with our holiday line as early as May," she says. "We're now working on our spring and summer pieces."

Penshoppe also relies on New York-based fashion consultant Dianne Valentini to put some edge into its upcoming fashion state

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A VARIATION of the striped tee—sleeveless yet flawless

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"Teenager? You must mean my daughters! With Imedeen, my skin's smooth even without make-up."

Joanna Valencia-de Jesus,
33, AVP for Finance, interior design student,
mother of two

Joanna de Jesus has the fresh face of a college girl -- plus a successful career and not one but two teenaged daughters! Yet you'd never guess it from her skin: "People can't believe I'm 33!" Thanks to Imedeen, Joanna's not only maintained her young skin -- she's even *improved* it: "I wasn't born with perfect skin. I had sunspots and tiny veins, but they're almost gone; now I don't even need foundation!" Only Imedeen nourishes skin from deep within -- for a smooth, firm, defiantly youthful complexion *without* time consuming rituals. So when her daughters' friends or her own classmates are amazed at her age, Joanna just smiles and says "Believe it -- and believe Imedeen./" Imedeen. The Skin Care Tablet.

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2 tsps. salt
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/4 tsp. white pepper
1/2 kg. pork kasim, sliced
3 tbsps. margarine or butter
2 tbsps. cooking oil
1 pc. medium sized onion, sliced
1 cup water

Sour Cream Sauce:
1 can 170 g. Nestle Cream
2 tsps. calamansi juice
2 tbsps. sherry or rum
1/4 tsp. oregano

Egg Noodle Mixture:
2 packs Maggi Rich Mami Noodles, chicken flavor
2 tbsps. butter
1/2 tsp. paprika
1/4 cup chopped cashew nuts

Procedure:
Mix flour and the next 4 seasonings together. Dredge pork slices. Fry pork in mixture of margarine and oil, top with onions. Mix leftover flour mixture with enough water and pour in skillet. Simmer covered, stirring occasionally until tender. Remove pork, put in serving platter. Reserve sauce.

Prepare noodles as package directs. Drain and reserve broth for soup. Add butter, paprika and cashew to noodles, place in platter with pork. To remaining sauce in pan, add cream, calamansi juice, sherry and oregano. Simmer, stirring continuously for 2 minutes. Strain and put in gravy dish. Serve with pork and noodles.

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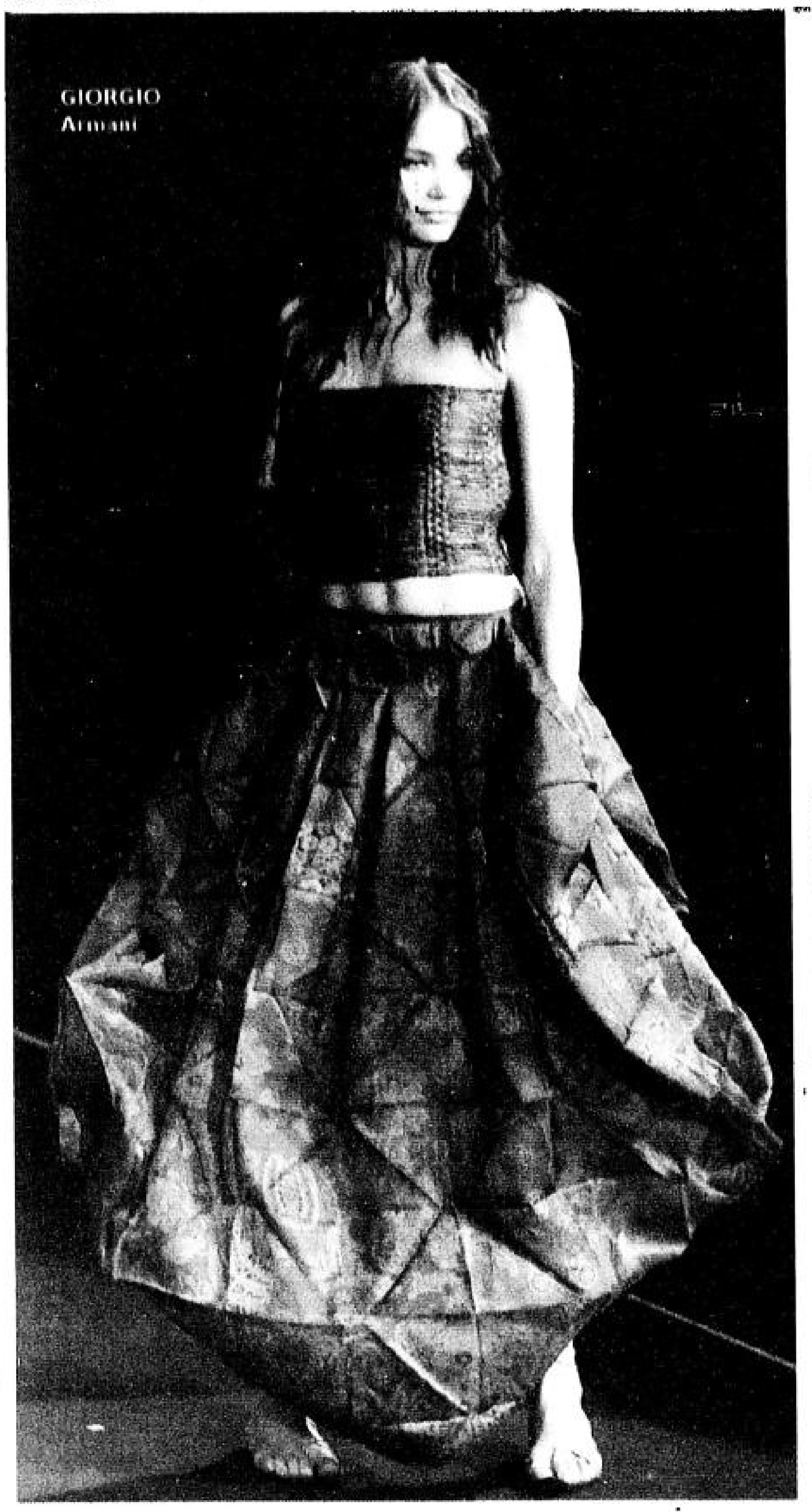
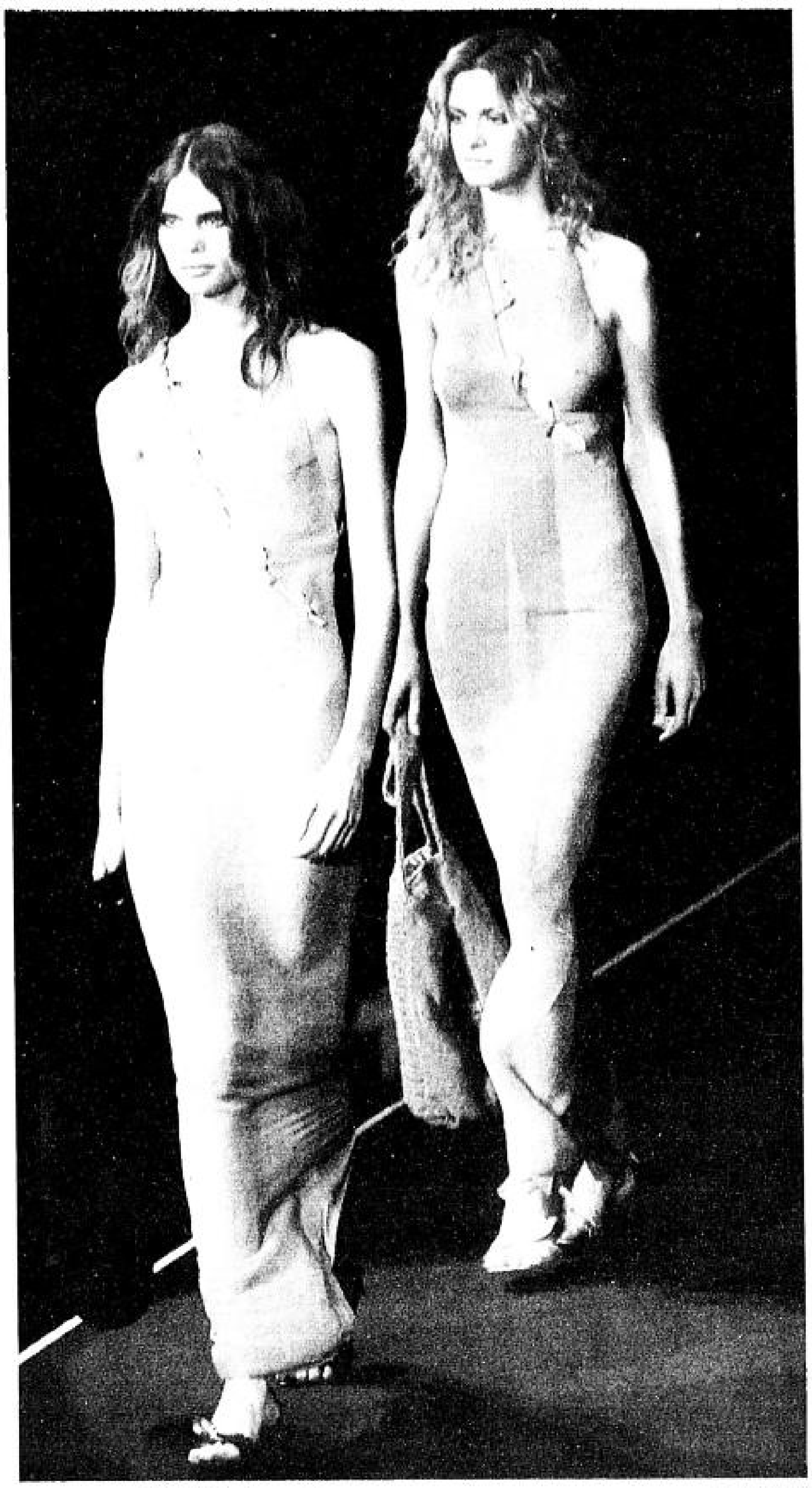


Milan fashion plays it optimistic and luxurious

MILAN—The world may be tightening its purse strings for fear of war and recession, but Italy's top designers are betting the mood will be brighter next summer so waves of women will waft around in their evening wear.

Both Giorgio Armani and Gianfranco Ferre spent about a third of their summer fashion shows sending sweeping evening gowns down the catwalk in luscious silk or sparkling sequins.

"These aren't really traditional evening dresses," Armani told Reuters on Monday before showing his spring/summer 2003 collection to a star-studded audience including pop star Tina Turner, Italian diva Sophia Loren and Hollywood heartthrob George Clooney.


GIORGIO Armani

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"In the summer, an evening dress mixes with a dress you would wear to the sea. You don't only wear a beautiful dress to a party. Even with these economic problems, women want to look lovely in private, for their husband or lover," Armani said.

When it comes down to it, many of the dresses that wandered across the stage-cum-catwalk are most likely to win visibility on the Hollywood honeys that crowded the front row.

Mira Sorvino, Kristin Scott-Thomas, Joely Richardson and Anna Friel are regulars at the world's top awards ceremonies,

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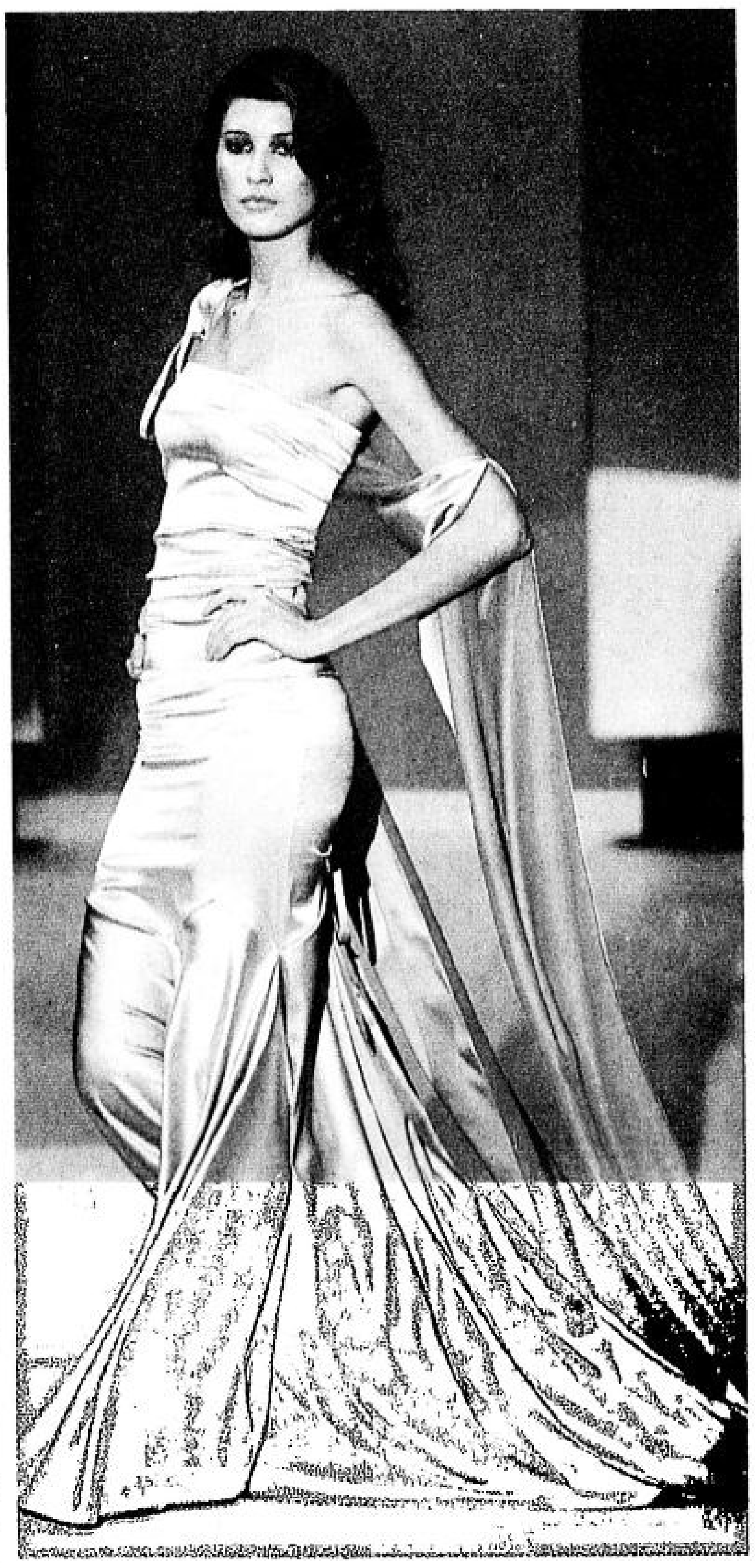
> Amid the drumbeat of war, Armani and Ferre unleash creations that defy the doom and gloom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where designers jostle to dress stars in stunning eveningwear and boost their brand. All have been spotted in Armani.

Back out of the movie world, Armani's women will have a huge choice of dresses, as long as they want to go long.

Straight, floor-skimming dresses were so narrow that models had difficulty climbing the steps to the catwalk, while for the more curve-conscious, swathes of creased silk that looked like unfolded origami paper were tucked into long puff skirts.

Soft, dusty jackets

For day, Armani showed a typical range of soft, dusty jackets that either stood proud off the waist or slunk down to mid-hip, worn over narrow jersey or sporty silken trousers that had a touch of the comfy pajama bottom about them.

Gianfranco Ferre's woman will head east for her evening wear, slinking around in soft satin kimonos with knuckle-brushing sleeves and tied tight at the waist with huge Oriental sashes.

Layers of shimmery silk floated to the floor in stunningly simple dresses held up by long strips of material that floated off the neckline and twisted around a shoulder or an arm.

"Let's just hope the economy picks up and people start throwing super-elegant parties again," said one American critic on her way out of the show.

For daytime, Ferre showed a series of gently structured black and white trouser suits printed with flowers, dots, checks or a mixture of all three in fine linen.

Milan fashion week wrapped up on Tuesday with the house of zigzags Missoni celebrating its 50th anniversary, and Versace hosting Britney Spears on its front row.

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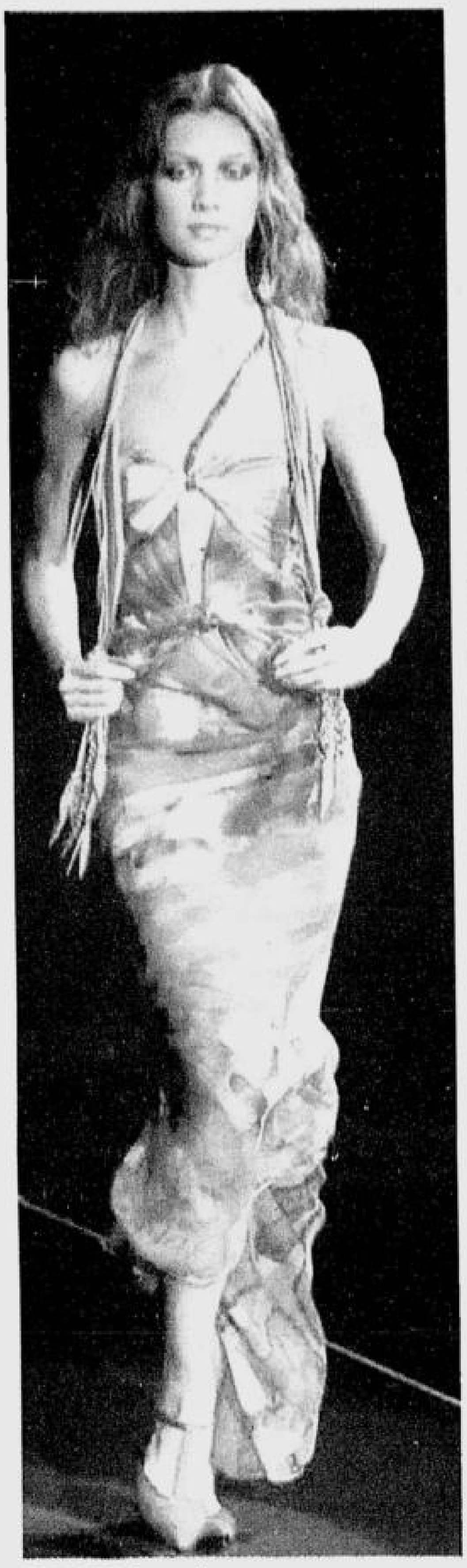
AMERICAN actor George Clooney and Italian actress Sophia Loren at the Armani show



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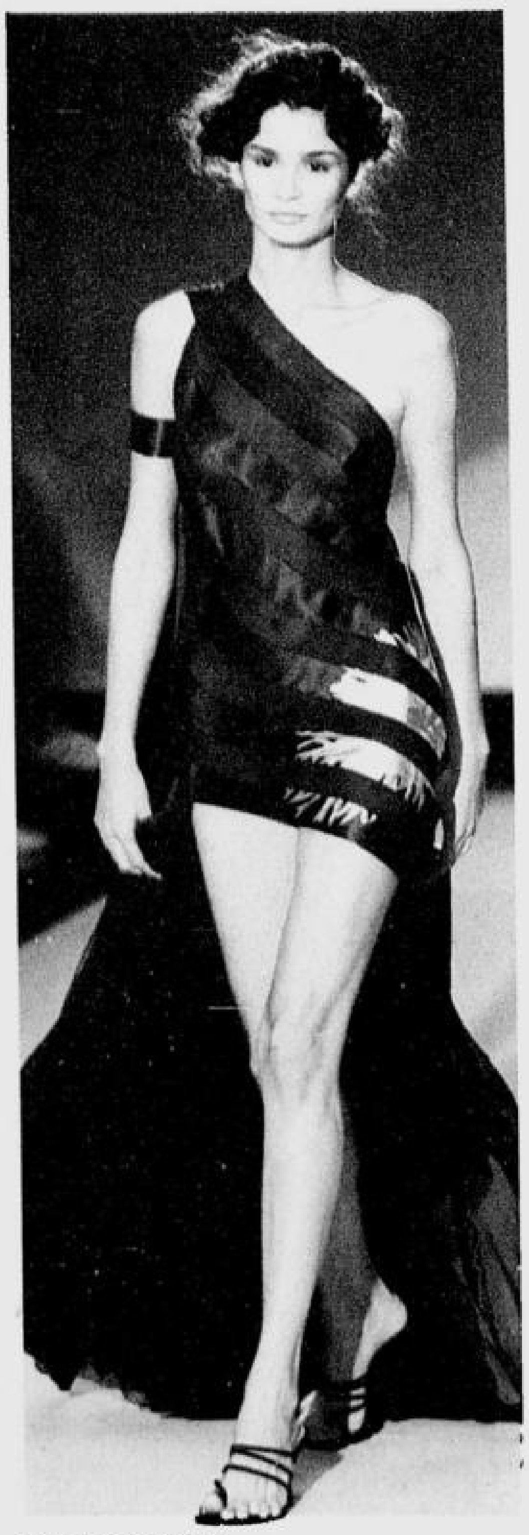

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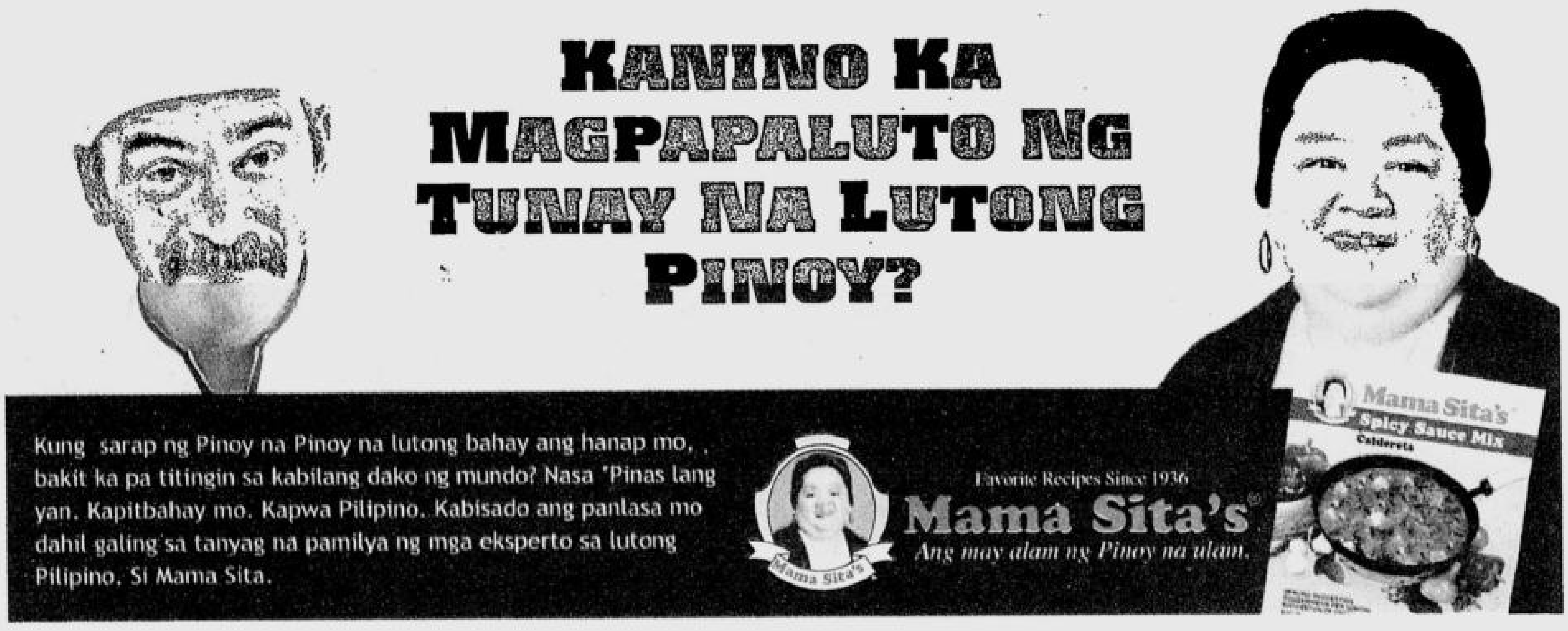

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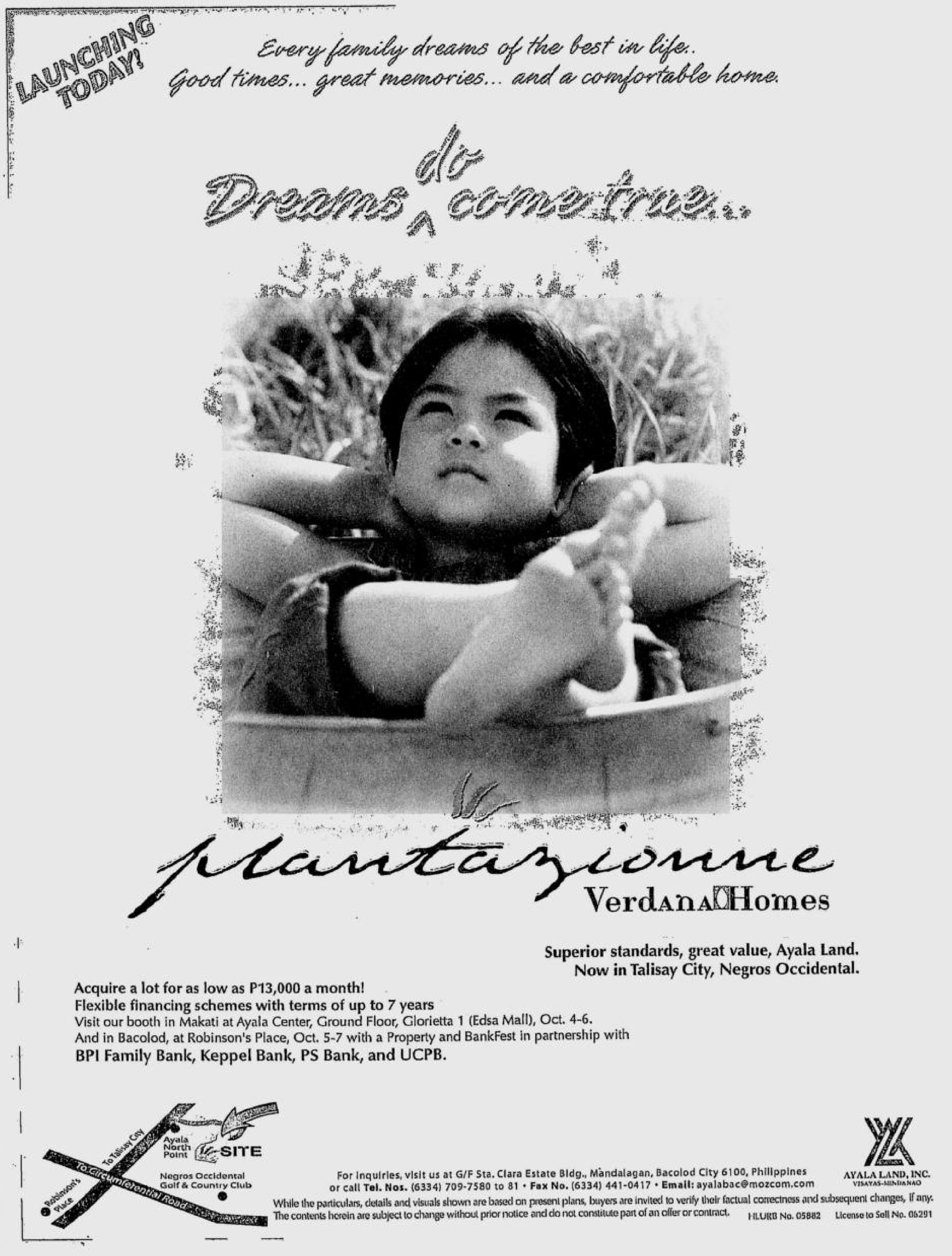

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SUPERSTAR-ON-THE-VERGE
Mandy wears a striped tee and donny cap.

The Penshoppe commercial featuring Mandy Moore is finally out after much fanfare. But the brand's new line sticks to safe colors and silhouettes

BLACK IS BACK. Mandy displays her form in a sleeveless knitted blouse and flowing jersey skirt.

No M[illegible] tears

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ment. Before the L.A. shoot, for instance, the company's managers flew to the Big Apple to talk with her. The 50-something Valentini, who also teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology, keeps herself "young" and updated by making a conscious effort to observe how young people dress up in hip places all over the city.

Simplicity

"Dianne knew and approved of our plans to get Mandy," says Liu. "As far as trends go, she has cautioned us not to swallow everything she feeds us without first adjusting it to our market."

This reminder is reflected in the simplicity of the outfits Mandy models for Penshoppe. Basic colors such as black, white and red dominate the collection. No, there won't be any "new" black. Liu has learned her lesson through other retailers after the disappointing sales of lavender and other so-called millennium shades several seasons ago. Halters, striped tees, denim skirts, cotton separates and, yes, peasant tops, will continue to occupy prominent space in the company's 300 or so stores all over the country.

"It's rather difficult for a brand that caters to a mass market to make bold fashion statements," Liu explains. "Our clothes are really everyday wear that one can mix and match. They're designed not to quickly go out of season."

The mannish look, where Mandy wears a raspberry beret and a pair of red suspenders over black tees, is perhaps the most radical statement in the collection. Does one have to be as tall and as pretty as her to get away with it? We will soon find out.

"We will carry almost everything Mandy wears in our TV commercial, billboards and print ads," Liu assures. "The bulk of the clothes will be available at all Penshoppe outlets in the coming weeks."

Penshoppe, she declares, has no plans of jacking up the prices of its clothes to quickly recoup its presumably costly marketing salvo. As long as star model Mandy Moore delivers the goods, what for?

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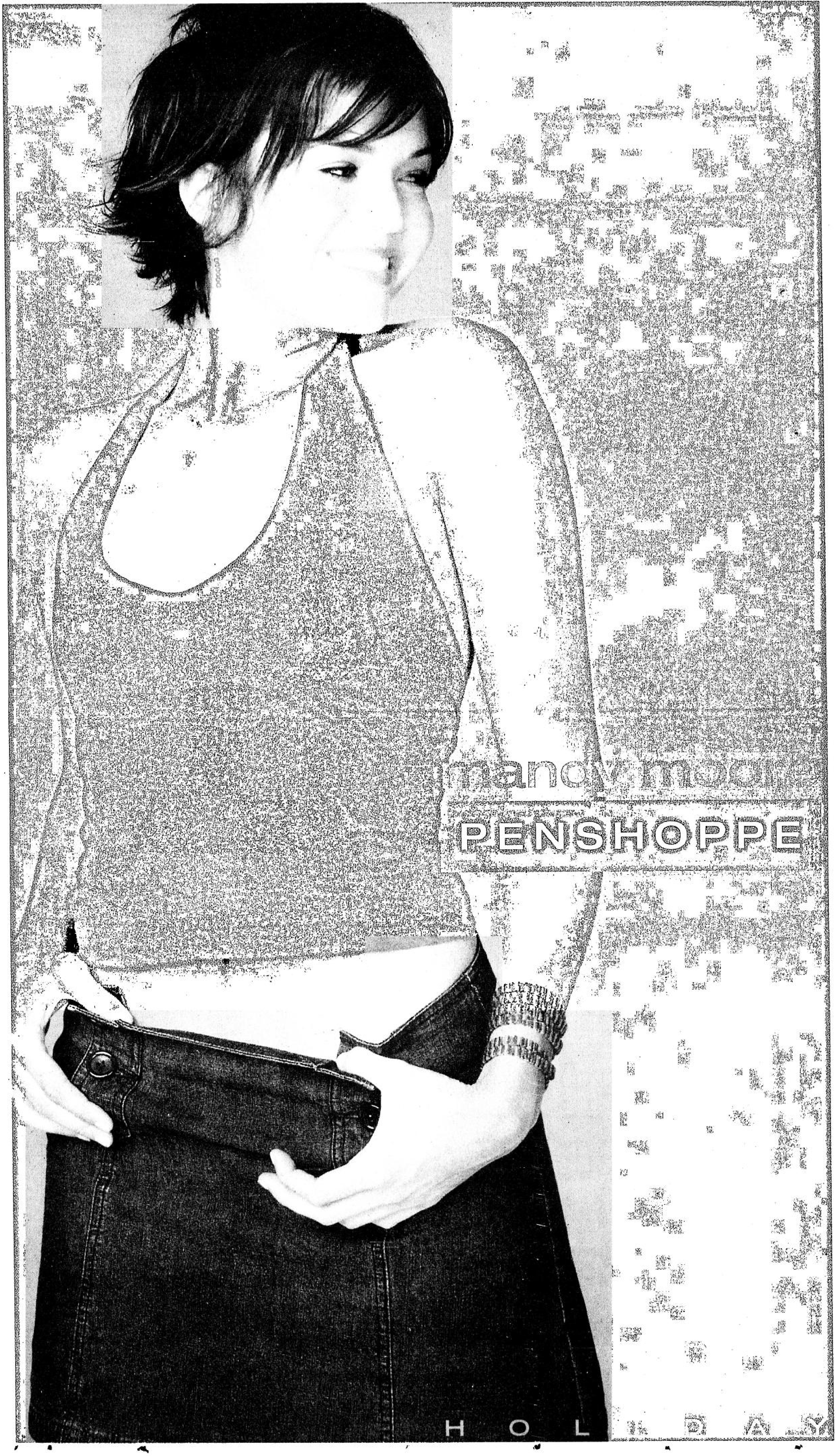
SPORTY Mandy goes for a sky blue tracksuit and gray bandeau.

WHEN BOY MEETS GIRL. Brad Turvey's black shirt and blue jeans complement Mandy's red halter and denim skirt.

BOY-NEXT-DOOR Brad dons a yellow sports shirt and beige denim jacket with corduroy accent.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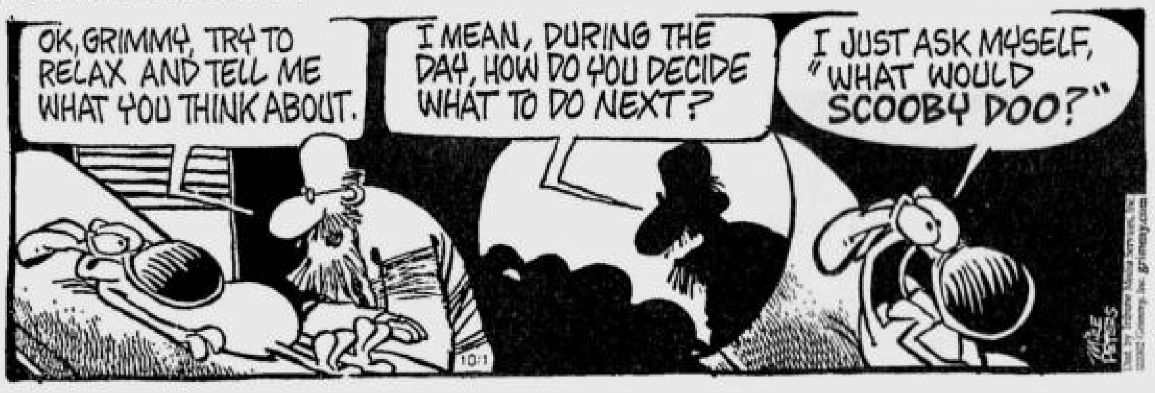
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM BY MIKE PETERS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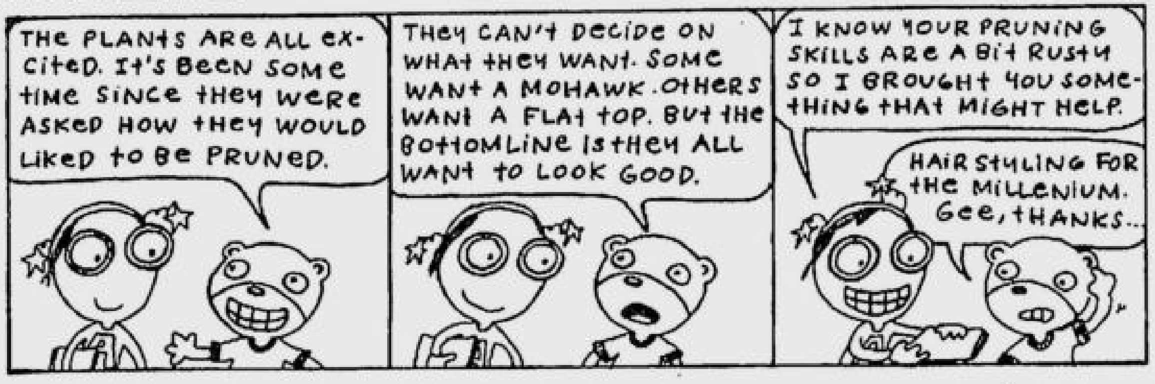
I MEAN, DURING THE DAY, HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHAT TO DO NEXT?
I JUST ASK MYSELF, "WHAT WOULD SCOOBY DOO?"

ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO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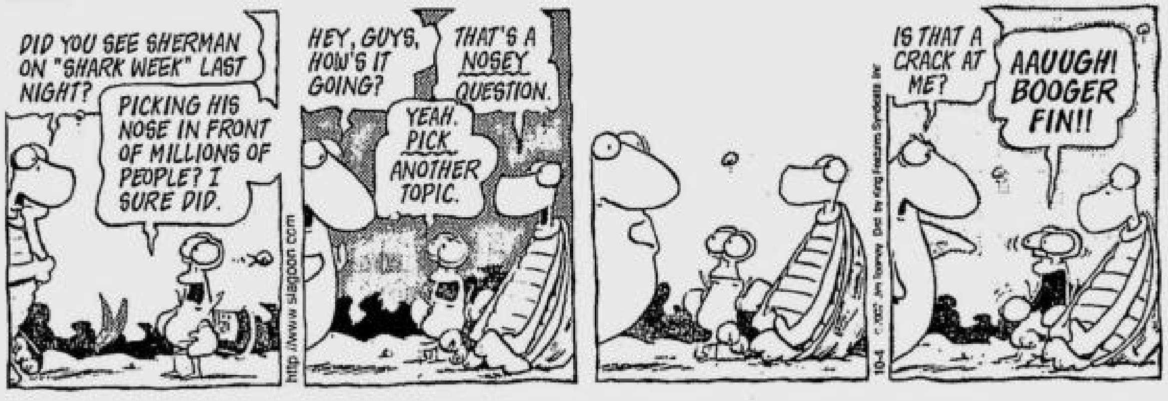
THEY CAN'T DECIDE ON WHAT THEY WANT. SOME WANT A MOHAWK. OTHERS WANT A FLAT TOP. BUT THE BOTTOMLINE IS THEY ALL WANT TO LOOK GOOD.
I KNOW YOUR PRUNING SKILLS ARE A BIT RUSTY SO I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP.
HAIR STYLING FOR THE MILLENIUM. GEE, THANKS...

SHERMAN'S LAGOON BY JIM TOOMEY


DID YOU SEE SHERMAN ON "SHARK WEEK" LAST NIGHT?
PICKING HIS NOSE IN FRONT OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE? I SURE DID.
HEY, GUYS, HOW'S IT GOING?
THAT'S A NOSEY QUESTION.
YEAH. PICK ANOTHER TOPIC.
IS THAT A CRACK AT ME?
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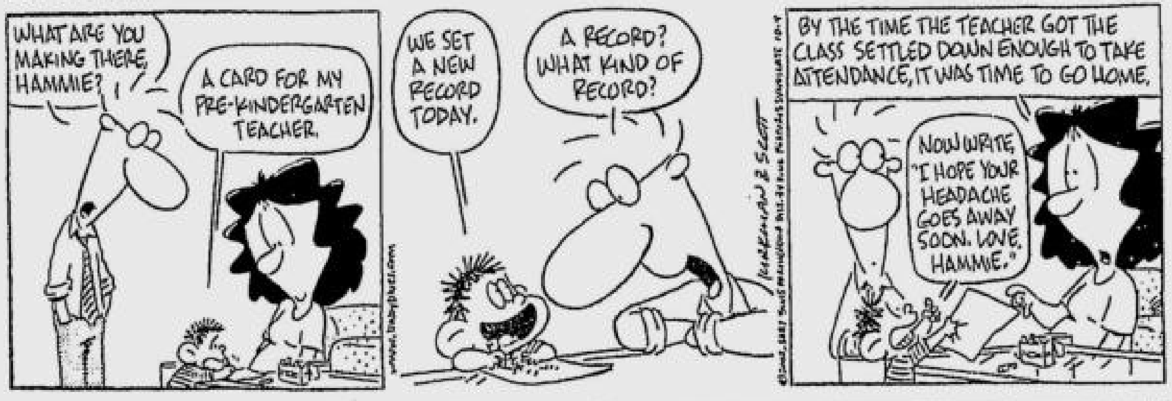
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


WHAT ARE YOU MAKING THERE, HAMMIE?
A CARD FOR MY PRE-KINDERGARTEN TEACHER.
WE SET A NEW RECORD TODAY.
A RECORD? WHAT KIND OF RECORD?
BY THE TIME THE TEACHER GOT THE CLASS SETTLED DOWN ENOUGH TO TAKE ATTENDANCE, IT WAS TIME TO GO HOME.
NOW WRITE, "I HOPE YOUR HEADACHE GOES AWAY SOON. LOVE, HAMMIE."
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Armand Assante, Susan Sarandon, Charlton Heston, Alicia Silverstone

Happy Birthday: It's time to start believing in yourself. Express yourself openly and assess your situation with unfiltered truthfulness if you want to make the changes necessary to turn your life around. Turn your desires into a reality. Your numbers are 6, 17, 23, 31, 35, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It may take a little longer, but give your job all you've got so the results are stellar. Those in charge will appreciate your enthusiasm. Your emotional partner will get angry over trivial matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Explore creative hobbies that could evolve into an inspiring and original profession. It could lead to your own business. Purchases for your home will cost more than you can afford.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will spend beyond your means, creating tension on the home front. You must budget wisely. Look to competitive athletic clubs to help you get fit. Discipline yourself to work out regularly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Friends could introduce you to new love interests. Be ready to socialize. Your keen sense of recollection will come in handy when you are relating to those who are confused .

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take the initiative at work. Fellow employees can introduce you to new love interests. Explore different methods for creating a more enjoyable home environment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get emotional. Try to remain calm. Make sure you know all the particulars before you proceed. You will be successful in activities that require perseverance and drive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Secret affairs will not be in your best interest. Take a moment to make your domestic surroundings more comfortable. You will have to make some alterations to keep the peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your involvement in organizational events will open doors to new and exciting friendships. Special privileges can be yours. Today youngsters will have a genuine effect in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's evident you need to make some alterations in your life. Search for employment opportunities that offer the stimulation you require and higher earning power.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Enroll in programs that you find interesting and especially relevant. Your creative juices need a form of expression. Talk to experts in those areas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Moneymaking ventures will pleasantly surprise you. Don't be afraid to participate. If you discipline yourself, you can complete unfinished business in your private affairs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your partner is ready to make a lifelong commitment. You should discuss your future together. You can make a difference if you get involved in group functions. Take care of your health today.

Birthday Baby: You will be sensible and guarded in everything that you do. You will tend to hold yourself back if you feel that there might be a slight risk involved. Balance will be needed to reach your highest potential. Learn to decide which battles need to be fought.

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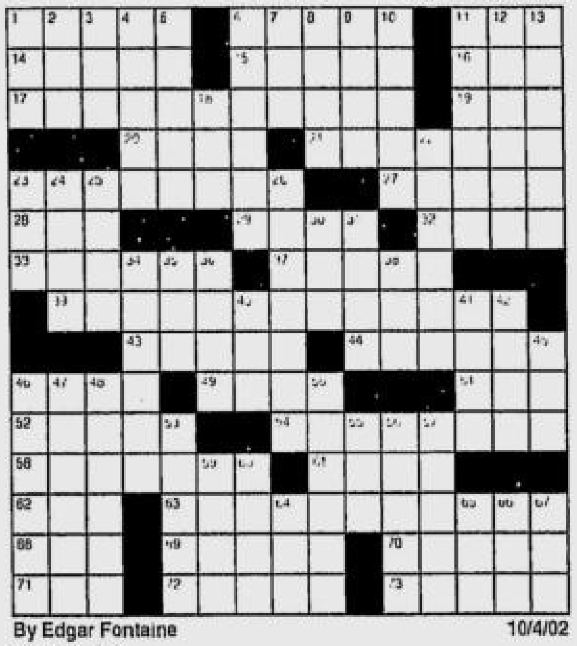

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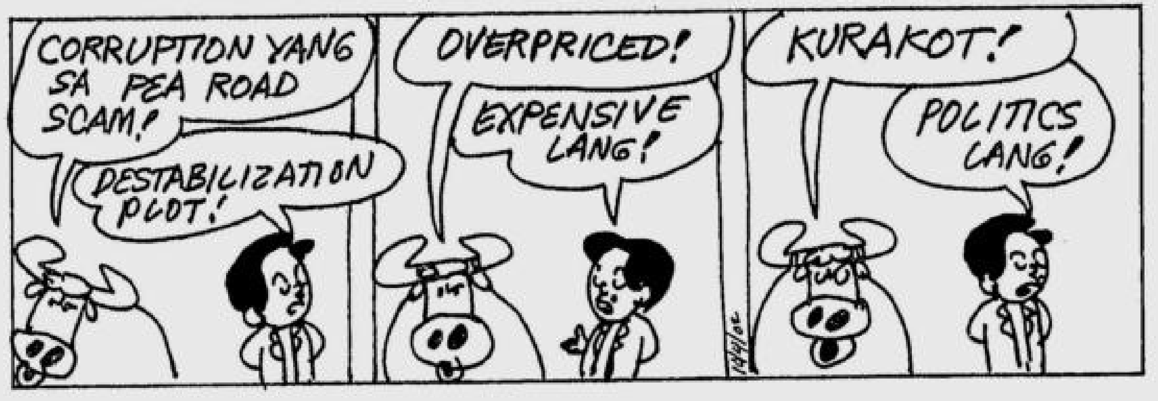
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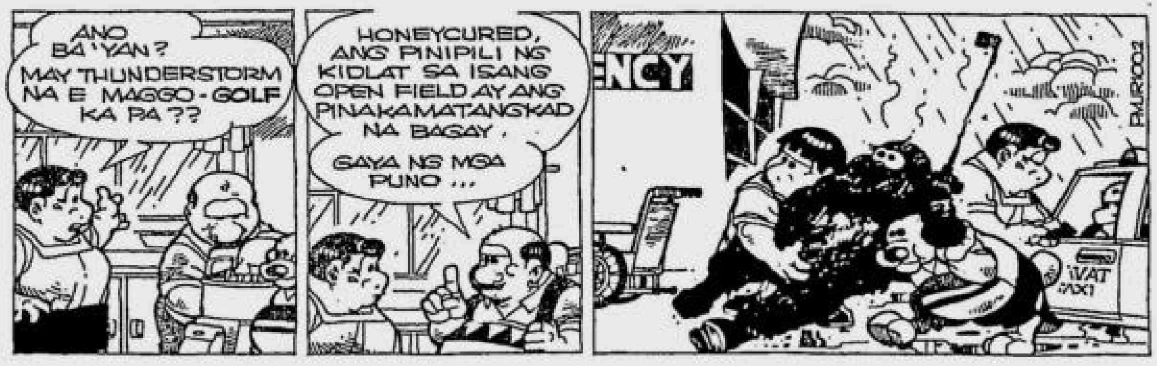
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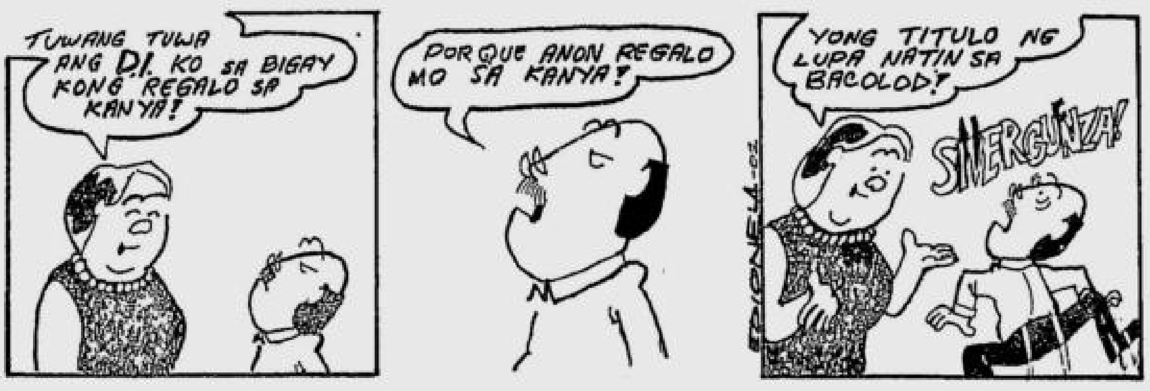
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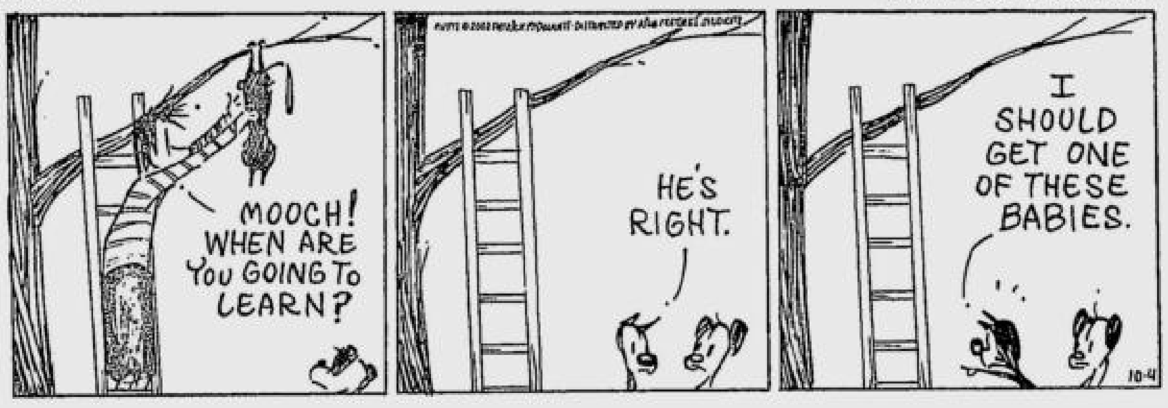
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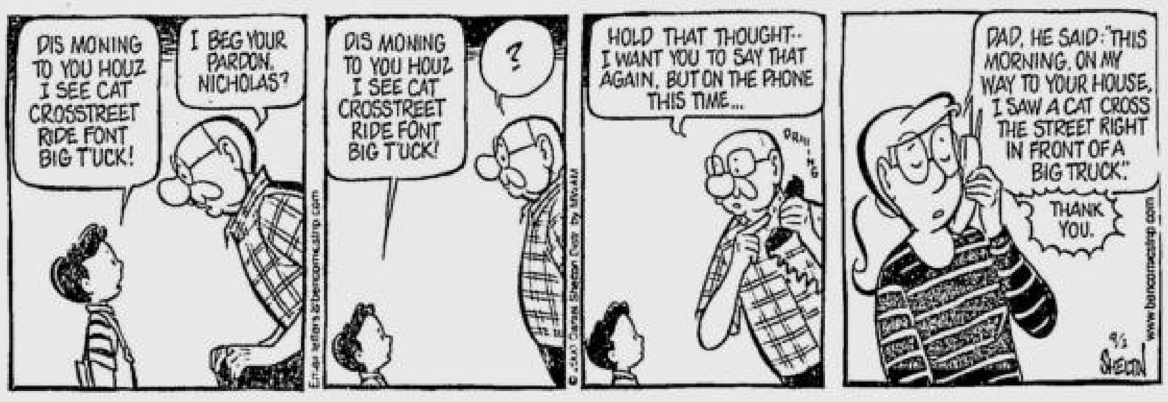
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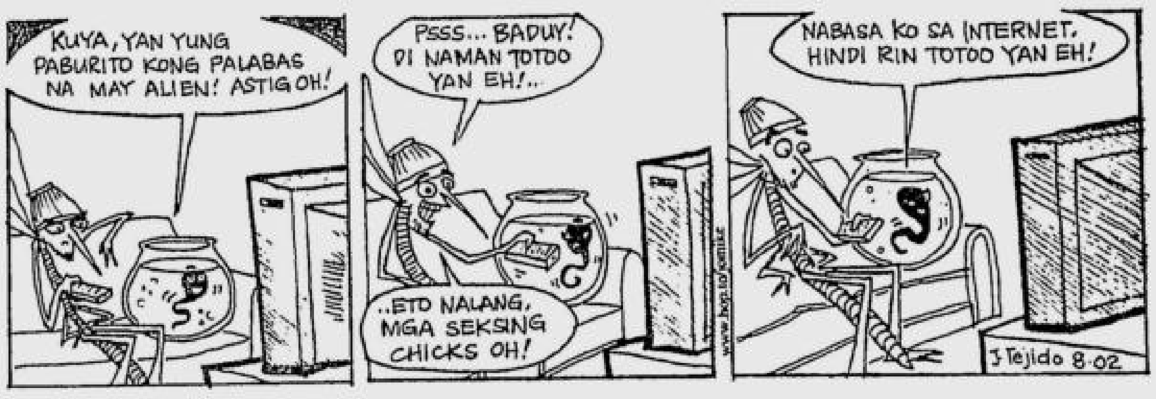
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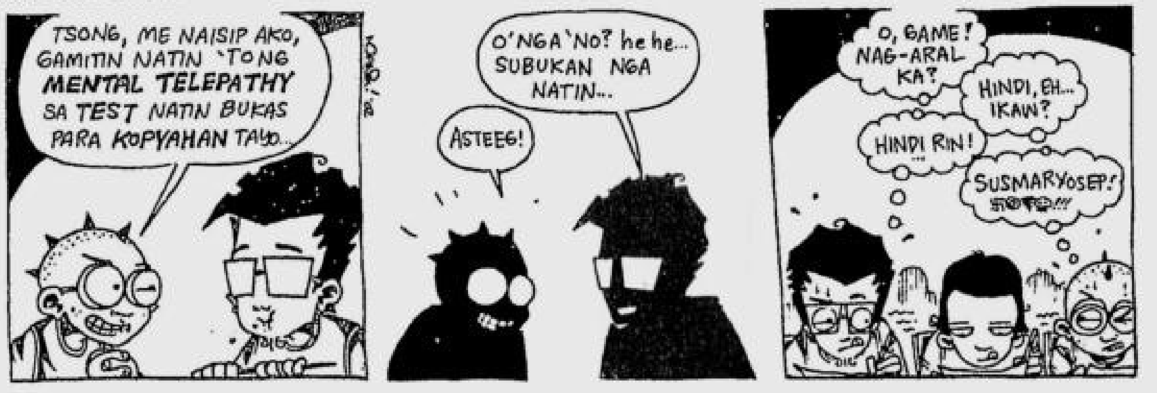
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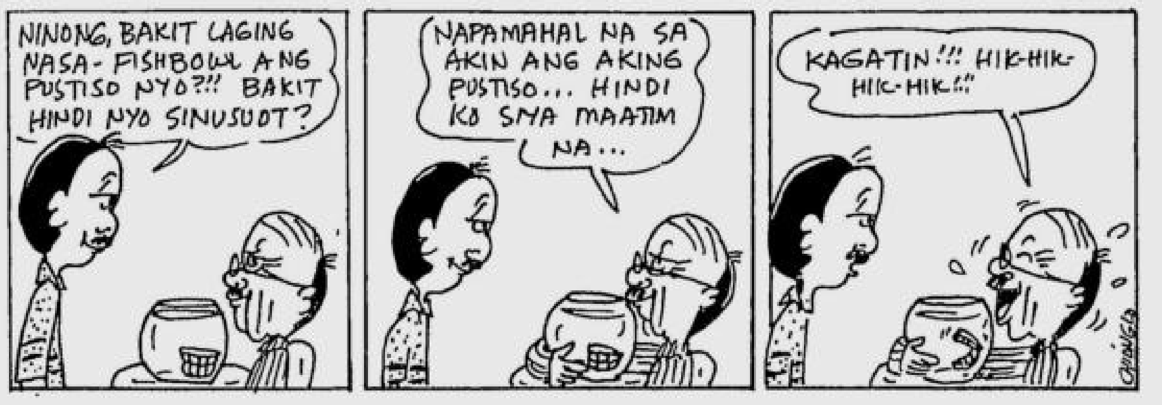
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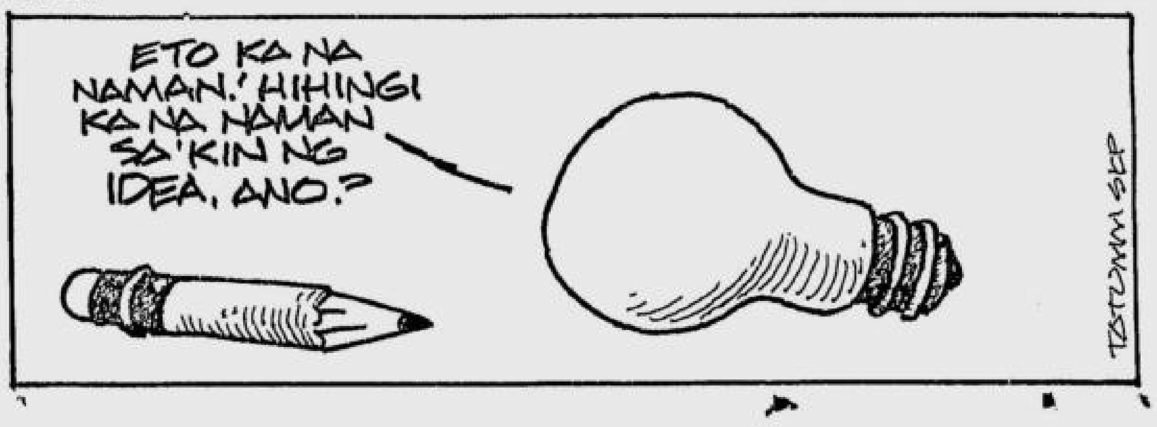
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TATUM SEP

COTTON striped shirt, P700

As far as basic wardrobe is concerned, the shirt is a man's best friend

Shirting the issue

By Camille Cruz-Reyes
Contributor
Photos by Roger Carpio

SIMPLE and straightforward short-sleeved shirts are constants in a man's basic wardrobe. Shirts are worn with a man's favorite jeans, dark slacks, or perhaps shorts. Shirts are always the safest tops for the male figure. They look perfectly roomy.

As far as basic shirts are concerned, the usual suspects are blues, checks, two-toned and stripes. But this time, the secret lies in the mix of color and print. They are well-cut, properly proportioned, and sometimes graphic.

A different variety is the chiffon shirt. It is not meant to expose the chest, but some men may choose to wear it without an undershirt. This is good if they want to go for a classic funk appeal.

Two-toned is always best for minimal detailing. Busy prints come in handy when one wants some attention on one's upper part. On the other hand, a loud "splash" effect plays up a kind of humor.

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LONG-SLEEVE chiffon shirt, P990

BLUE and white double-pocket shirt, P850

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The show consists of 70 haute couture numbers, focusing on lingerie as an influential force in international fashion.

The first suite, "Play Date," consists of fashion's basic foundations, the undergarments. "Happy Hours" includes the fun clothes for day and bedroom wear. "All Night-Long" is a take on Hollywood glamour.

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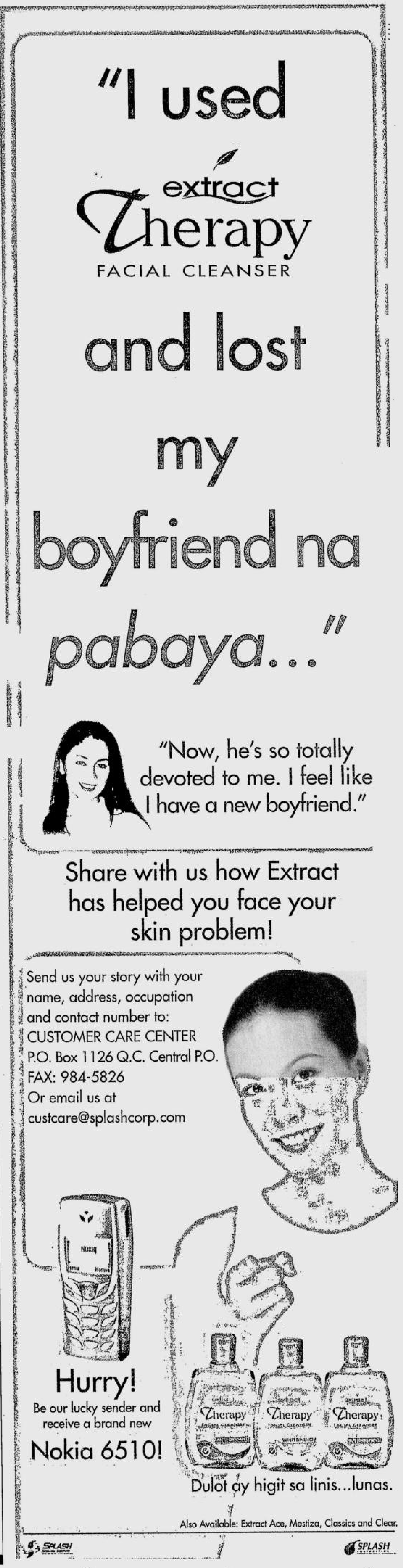

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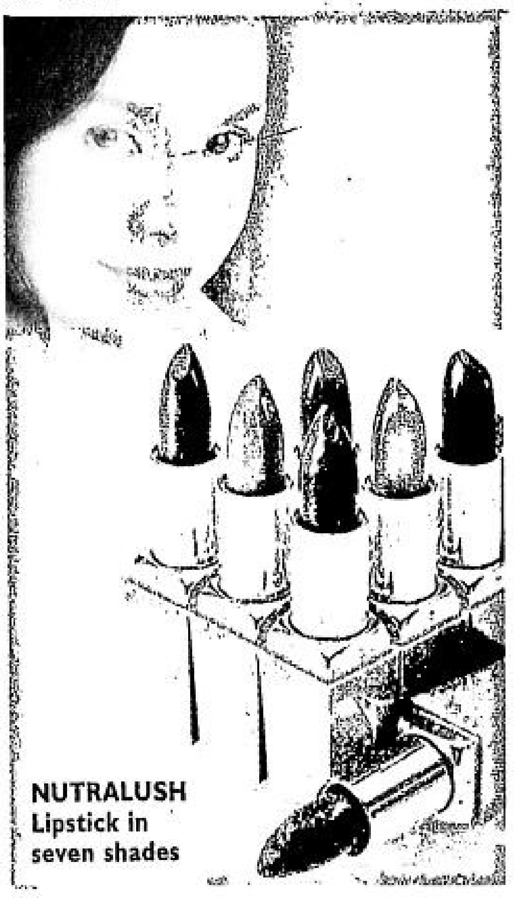
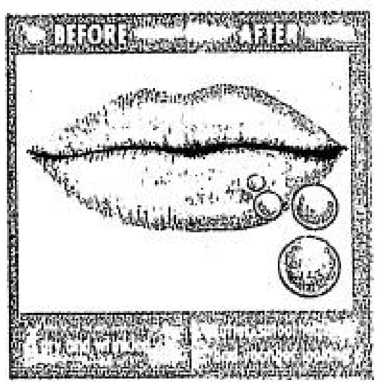


NUTRALUSH Lipstick in seven shades



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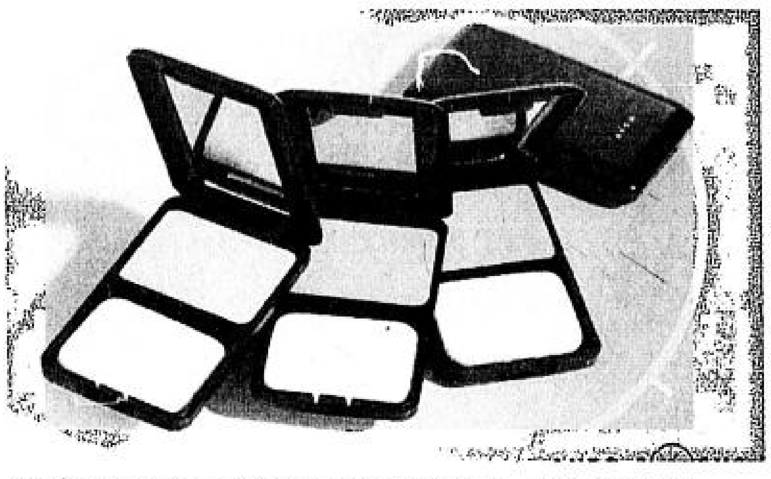
Avon Color Nutralush SPF 12 and Avon Color Auto Focus Foundation SPF 15 is now available through Avon Ladies nationwide and at Avon Boutiques in Glorietta, SM Megamall, SM Southmall and Ali Mall.



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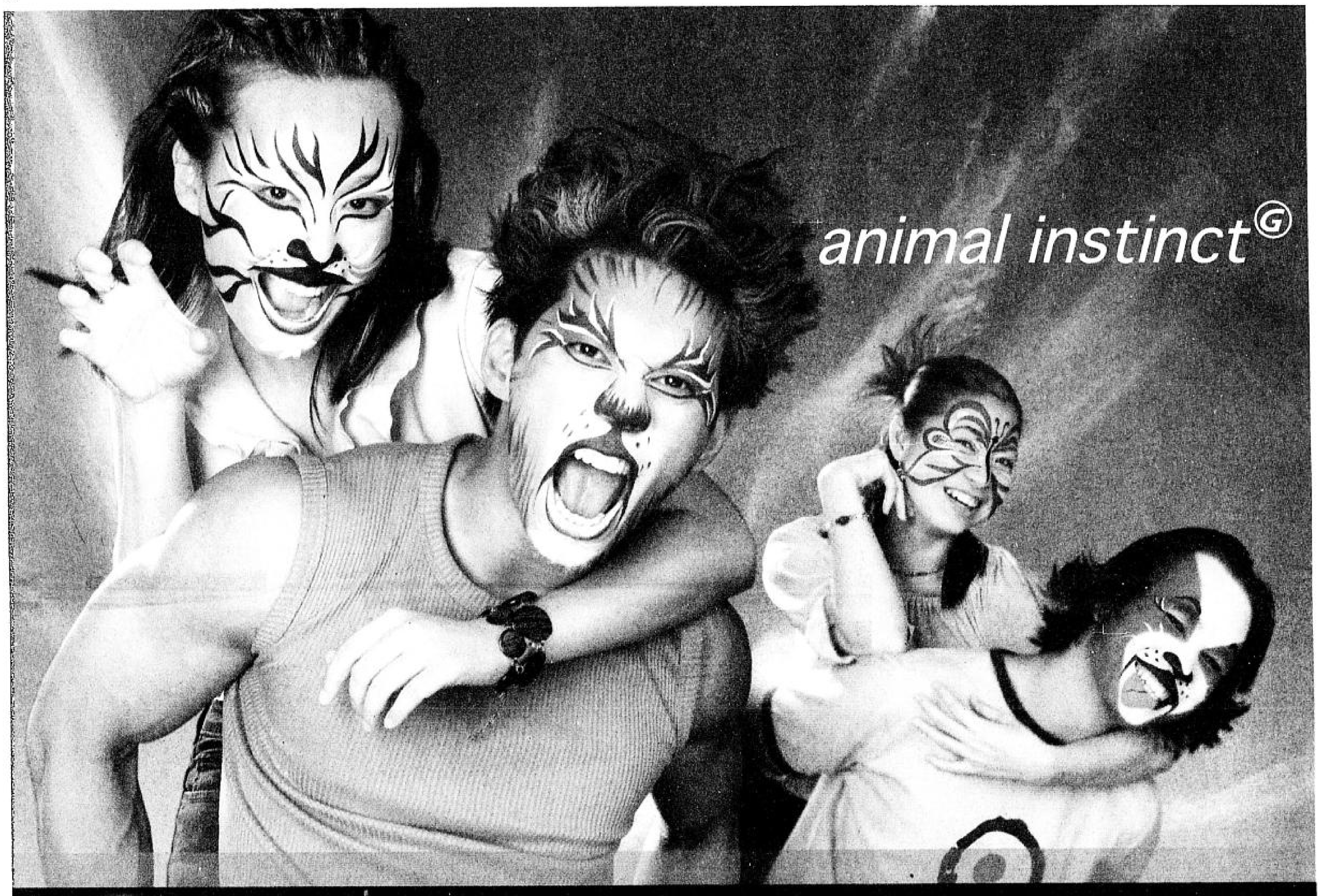

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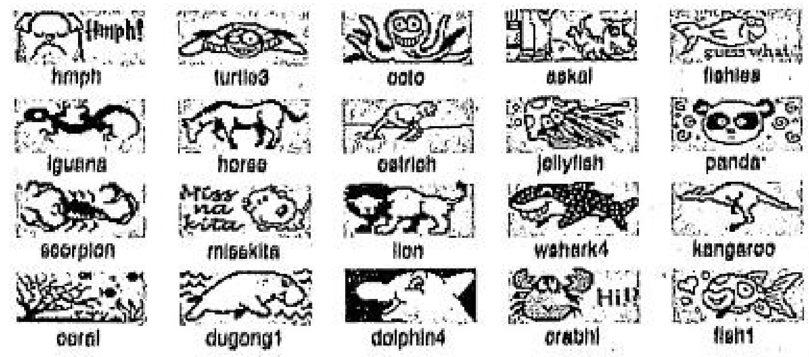

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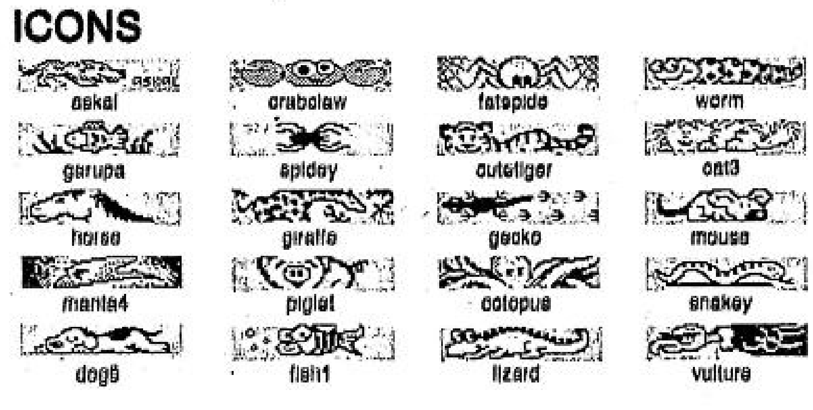

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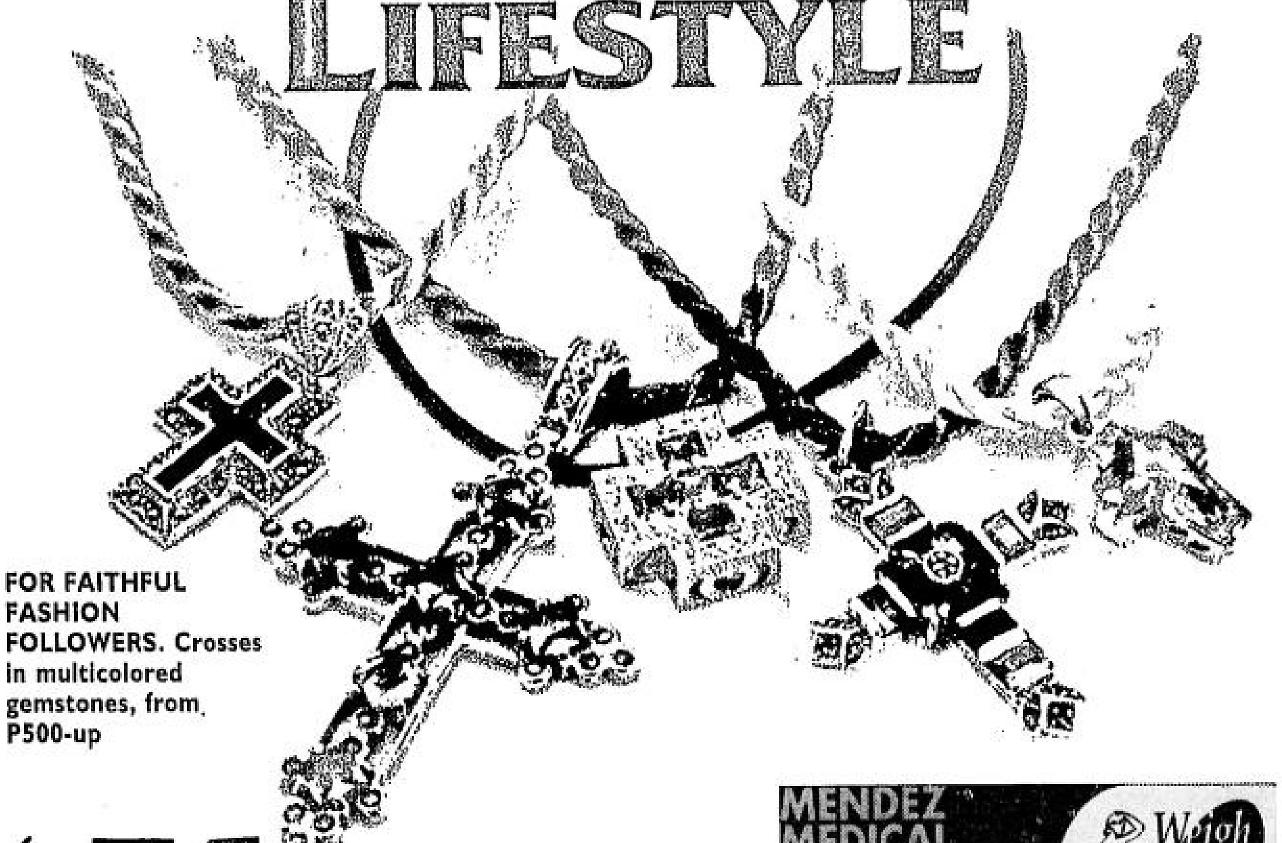

FOR FAITHFUL FASHION FOLLOWERS. Crosses in multicolored gemstones, from P500-up

'75-year-old jeweler' draws young, hip clients

Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Mike Alquinto

LOUIE Ocampo Gutierrez lives and breathes jewelry. His family has been in the business of crafting fine jewelry for the last 75 years. Think Ocampo's Fine Jewelry, for those who can afford diamonds and other precious stones, and Silverworks, which produces stylish and funky silver jewelry and accessories for teens and twenty-somethings.

Now Gutierrez has a new baby—Galerie 925, which he describes as "young, fun and not too formal." The store's name is a play on the international standard for silver, which is signified by the number 92.5 Upwardly mobile women in their 20s and 30s have been flocking to the shop at the Podium, which, like hidden treasure, is not so visible from the main mall. Located behind the elevators, people who "discover" it are struck by the shop's fun but stylish pieces that are eye-catching but will not make a hole in your pocket.

Gutierrez knows his craft well. After getting an Economics degree from the Ateneo de Manila University, he left the country and studied at the Gemological Institute of America for two years, majoring in gemology and jewelry manufacturing. The training accounts for the fact that the craftsmanship and detail of the pieces in all his shops are impeccable and world class. The designs are vogue and innovative.

Keeping up with trends

"We attend a lot of shows and travel to New York and Europe several times a year to [learn] the new trends," Gutierrez says. This year alone, he has been to the United States 10 times! Together with sisters Loo Gutierrez-Tanjuakio, who handles marketing for Silverworks and Galerie 925, and Dulzzi Gutierrez, who takes care of design (jewelry, store, graphics), the siblings are constantly on their toes thinking of new ways to make their merchandise more exciting and affordable.

Silverworks' offering for the last quarter of the year is a line of black and silver accessories in

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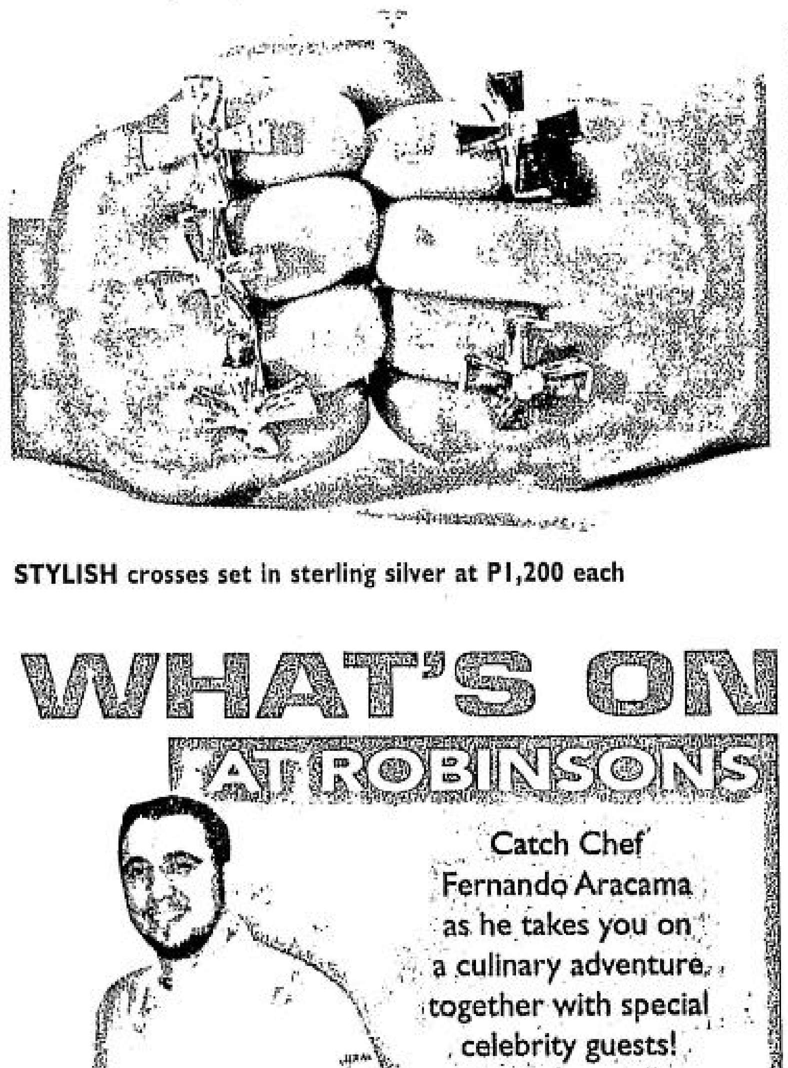
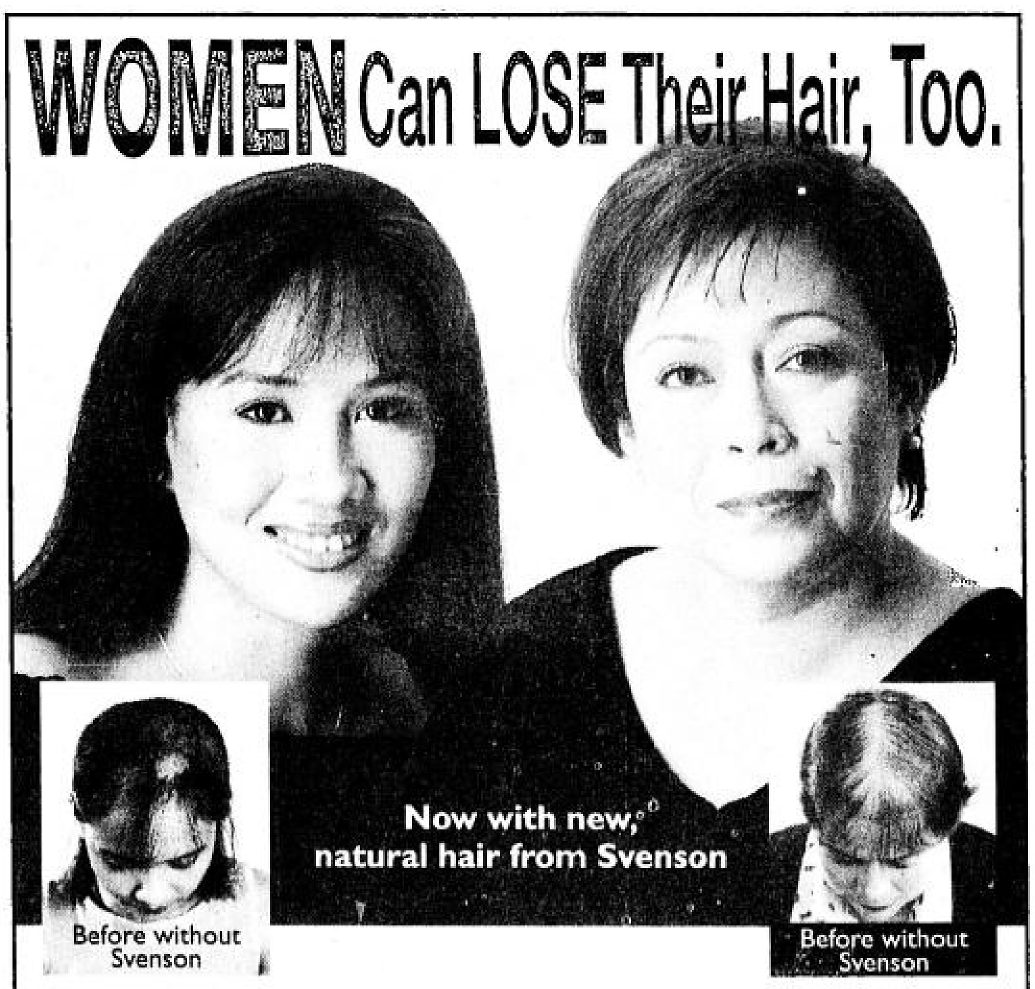


STYLISH crosses set in sterling silver at P1,200 each



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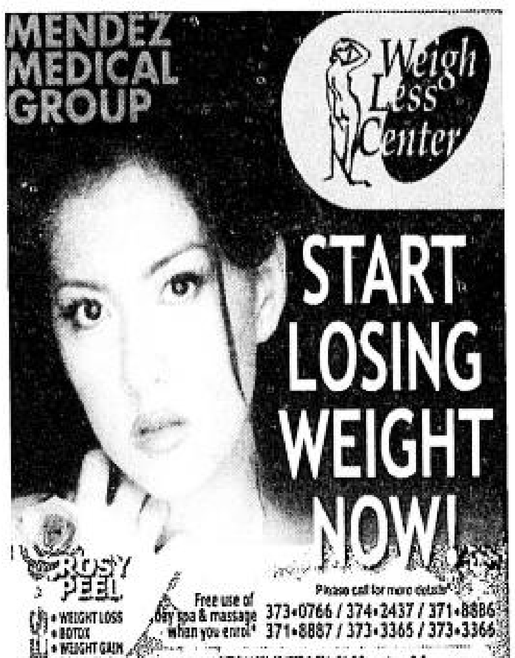

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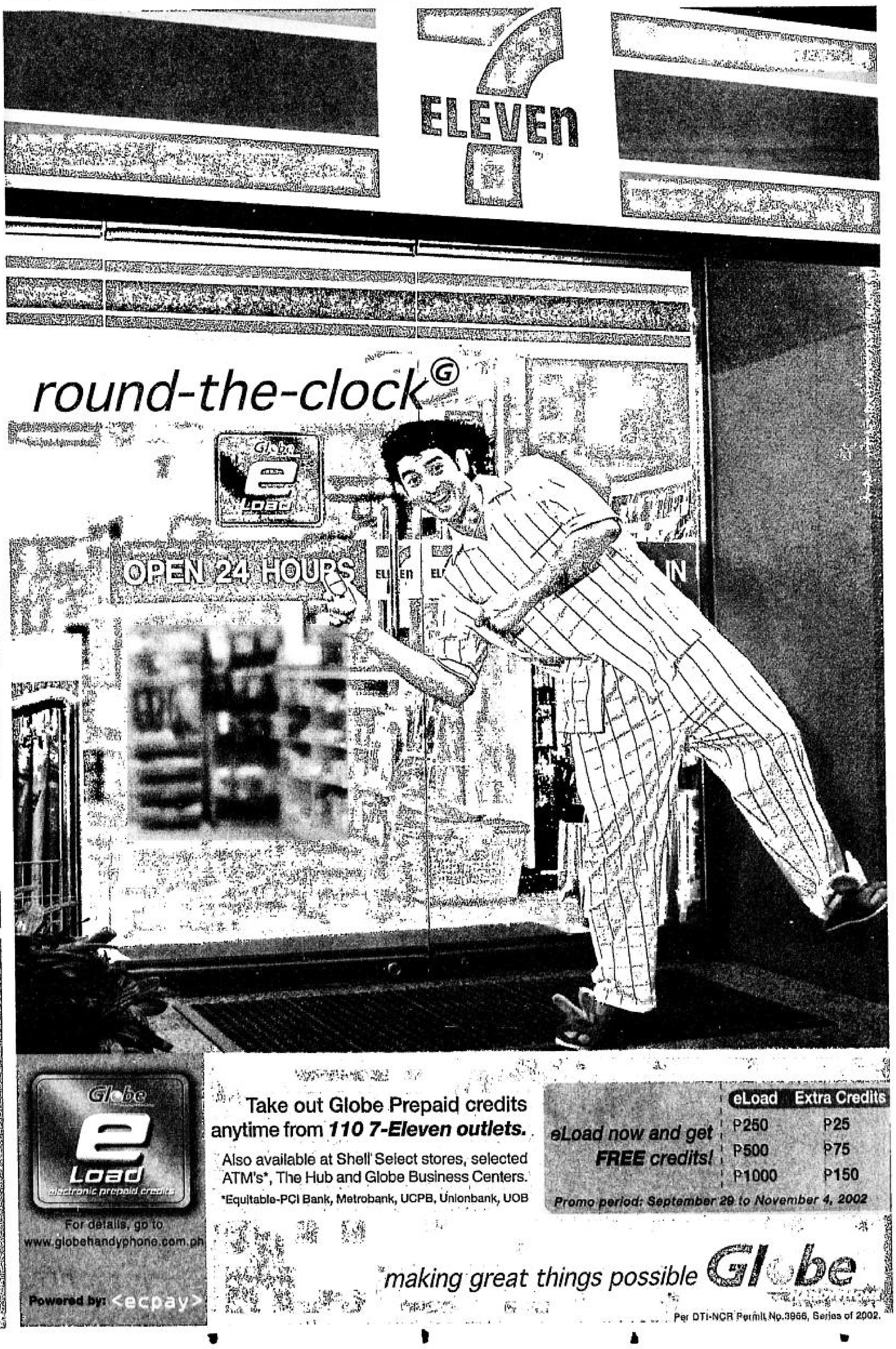

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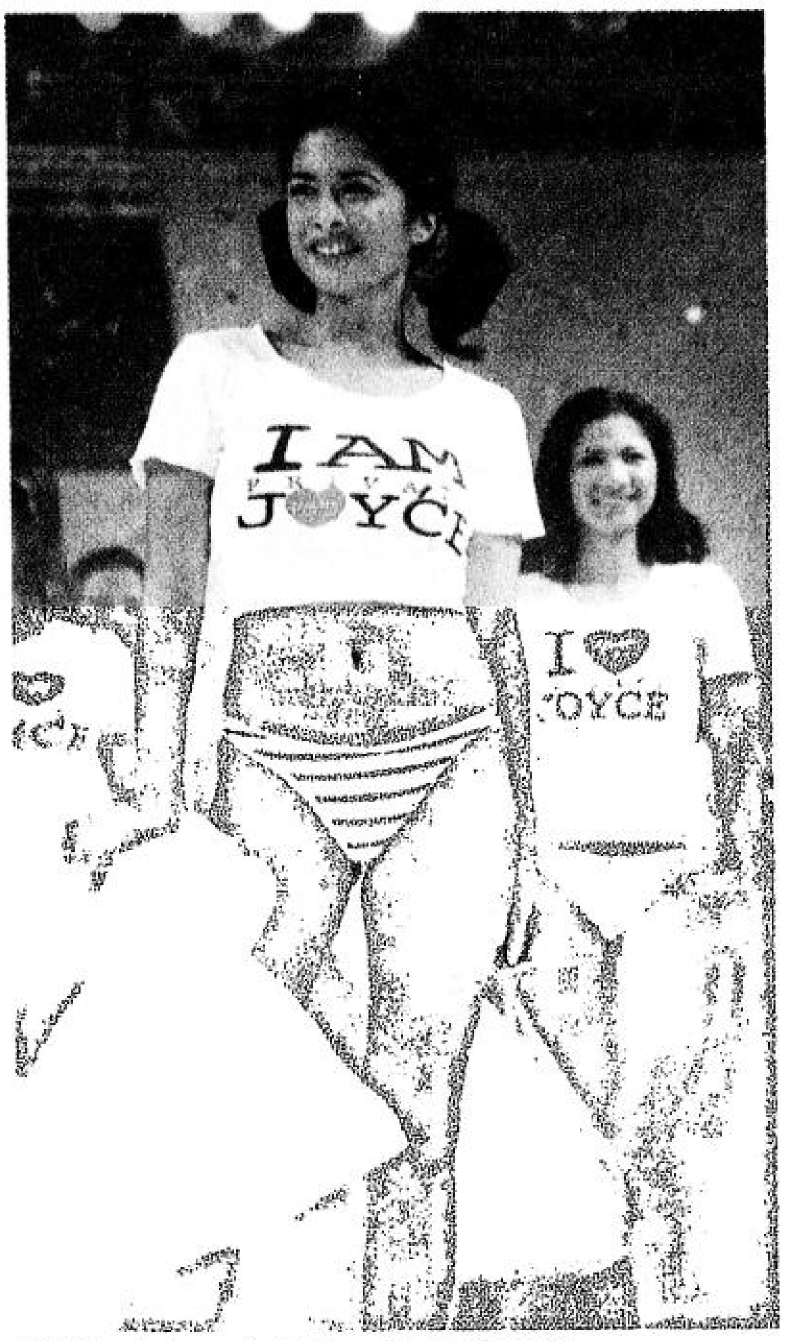
From bombshell to intimate wear designer

ANGELS IN INTIMATE WEAR.Can the devils be far behind?

Sex goddess Joyce Jimenez led the models in unfurling the new Private Joyce line of women's lingerie on the catwalk. The line consisted of romantic silhouettes and bondage, touches—an intriguing mix that had the menfolk catching their breaths



THIS is only how private Joyce Jimenez can get.

VISION IN BLACK. Nicolette Bell in black lingerie

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Most-awarded pair wins Extreme Faces search

OLIVIA Caling and Rex Arce ran away with most of the special awards and bested 25 finalists to win the first Extreme Faces search held recently at the GSIS Theater. The pair will be the first official endorsers of Aficionado perfume and boutique.

Aficionado boutique, headed by president Joel Cruz, provided the candidates with the casual outfits and swimwear. Designers Eric Pineda, Rodelle Arre and Jaycee Buendia provided their evening wear.

Aside from Cruz, others who served as judges were Al Francisco Chua, consultant of Sta. Lucia Realty, Arnold Pedionco, SVP-COO of AMA International Institute of Techology, Aurea Eclipse, product manager of Wectxt by Pinoymail; Marigold Yong David, sales manager of Canyon Woods Residential Resort, Bayan dela Cruz, creative director of Air Philippines and Raffy Ragos, chief of the intellectual property office of NBI.

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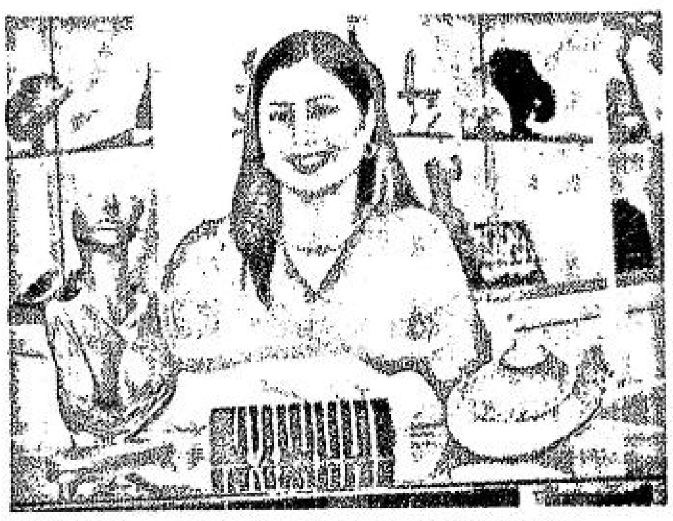
NEWLY-RENOVATED Oceanic 1911 store



GENERAL manager Irene Tuazon with Oceanic's exquisite jewelry line

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Century-old store keeps abreast of the times

THE ALMOST 100-year-old Oceanic Gifts and Jewelry has a new name, new look, new selection of jewelry and gifts, but the same high-quality and truly unique items.

After almost a century in the business, the store is undertaking renovations in its branches, which have also been re-christened Oceanic 1911. The new look is contemporary yet refined. Newly renovated stores in Ayala Cebu, SM Megamall, SM Southmall and Festival Mall show understated elegance and warmth. The new interiors blend well with the jewelry and gifts the stores carry.

While there has been a shift to new product lines, Oceanic items continue to display classic elegance and skilled craftsmanship. The latest additions to Oceanic products bear reputable brands from Italy and Germany—Guio Niest, Marcello Giorgio, Facix, Formia, Enjoy and Oneida, to name a few.

Products at Oceanic include home décors, artistic and classical glassware collection, religious icons, as well as elegant yet functional kitchenware.

Oceanic is also improving customer service. Oceanic 1911's staff members attend customer service workshops to orient them on the benefits of a dynamic and responsive customer service program.

Silver jewelry store opens 4th outlet

MICHELIS Gifts and Jewelry recently unveiled its fourth and newest store at the lobby of the Mandarin Hotel.

Owned by Mia Faustmann, Michelis stores are located at Rustan's Alabang Town Center, Power Plant Mall in Rockwell, Greenbelt Mall, and the lobby of the Manila Peninsula, garnering their own share of loyal patrons who want high-quality silver jewelry.

The Mandarin Hotel jewelry displays the popular Michelis collections of earrings, bracelets, pendants and necklaces that show off the versatility and timeless quality of sterling silver, in combination with freshwater pearls and other semi-precious stones. These sterling silver creations have the same quality finish, guaranteed to possess a minimum 92.5 to 95.2-percent level of purity required by the international market, and crafted according to European standards.

Gift items in sterling silver are also available. These include keyrings, boxes, photo frames, as well as servers and plates in mother of pearl and sterling silver.

For those with trendy tastes, there are colored stones like citrine, peridot, topaz, amethyst as accents to silver jewelry pieces; mother of pearl collection; cuff links and studs for boys and men; Arrhae bracelets; identity bracelets and necklaces accessorized with heart-shaped charms; flower rings and marquis outline rings; and Lariat necklace with Lapiz Lazuli stone, among others.

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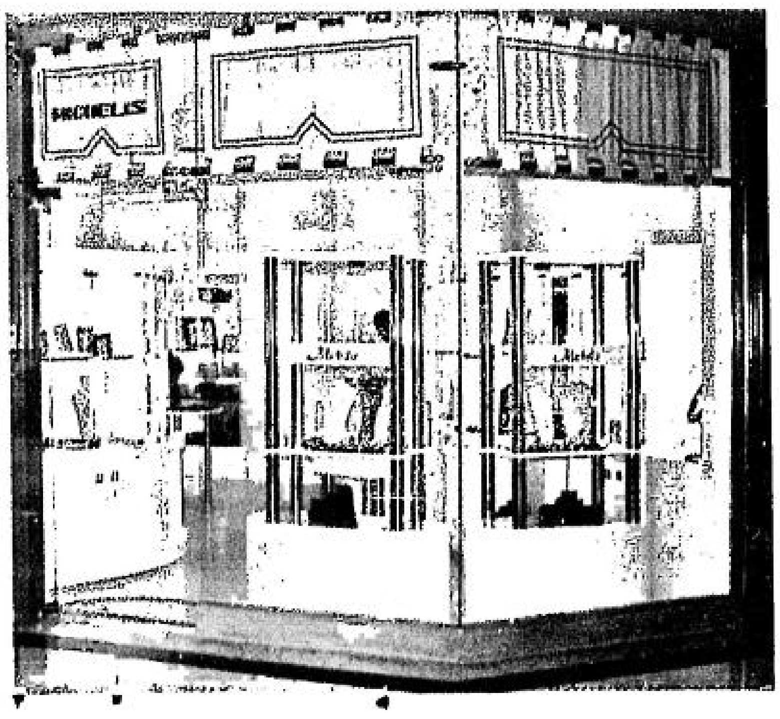

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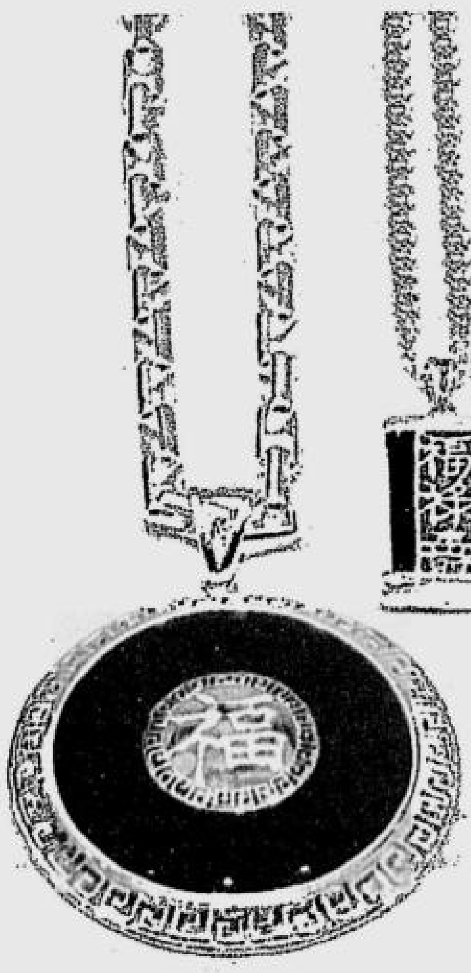

BLACK FUNK. Black onyx pendant with Chinese inscription set in sterling silver. Large round pendant at P1,250; rectangle pendant at P440

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his-and-her styles. According to Gutierrez, the huge, chunky pieces with oriental designs have been literally flying off the shelves. "The young people come here in groups and sometimes they all buy the same thing. *Barkada, so pare-pareho sila,*" he says.

At Galerie 925, the merchandise is more upscale and in limited edition. There are colored crosses of various kinds, 100 styles to be exact. A colored stones collection has practically every color of the rainbow. The pieces are all locally produced but the stones come from all over the world.

The store also carries two foreign brands—Xenia, a popular Italian brand known for its free-form design, and Mauricio Serrano, a Mexican brand with a relaxed style, vibrant color and unconventional design.

Gutierrez apparently knows his stones and silver quite well, if the loyal customers that continue to flock to his stores are any indication. Looks like he'll be living and breathing jewelry for the next 75 years.

Galerie 925 is at G/F The Podium, Ortigas Center, Pasig. Silverworks has 24 branches in various malls all over Metro Manila.

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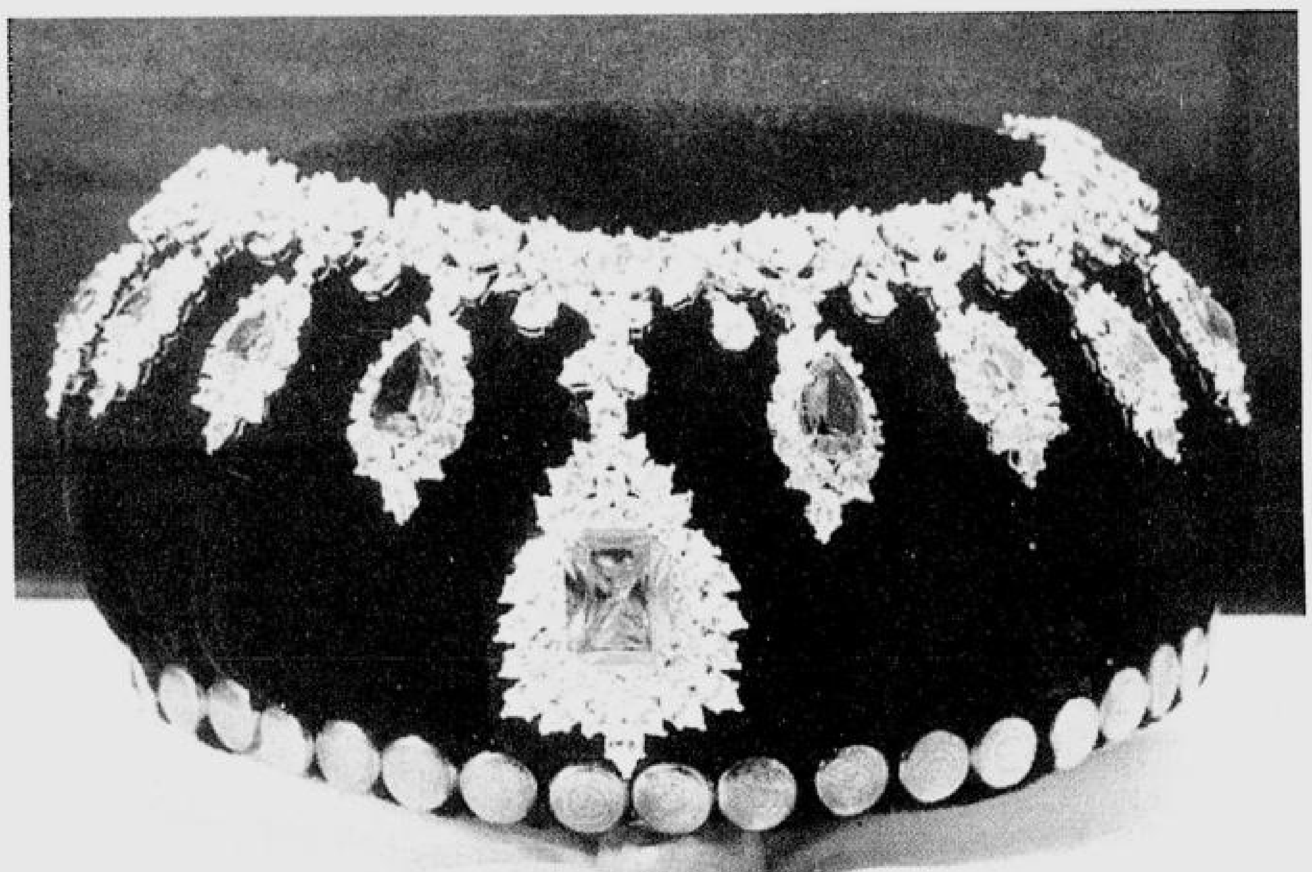
CHAMPAGNE-colored Cabochons with marquise and round brilliant cut cubic zirconium necklace set in sterling silver; entire set at P23,890



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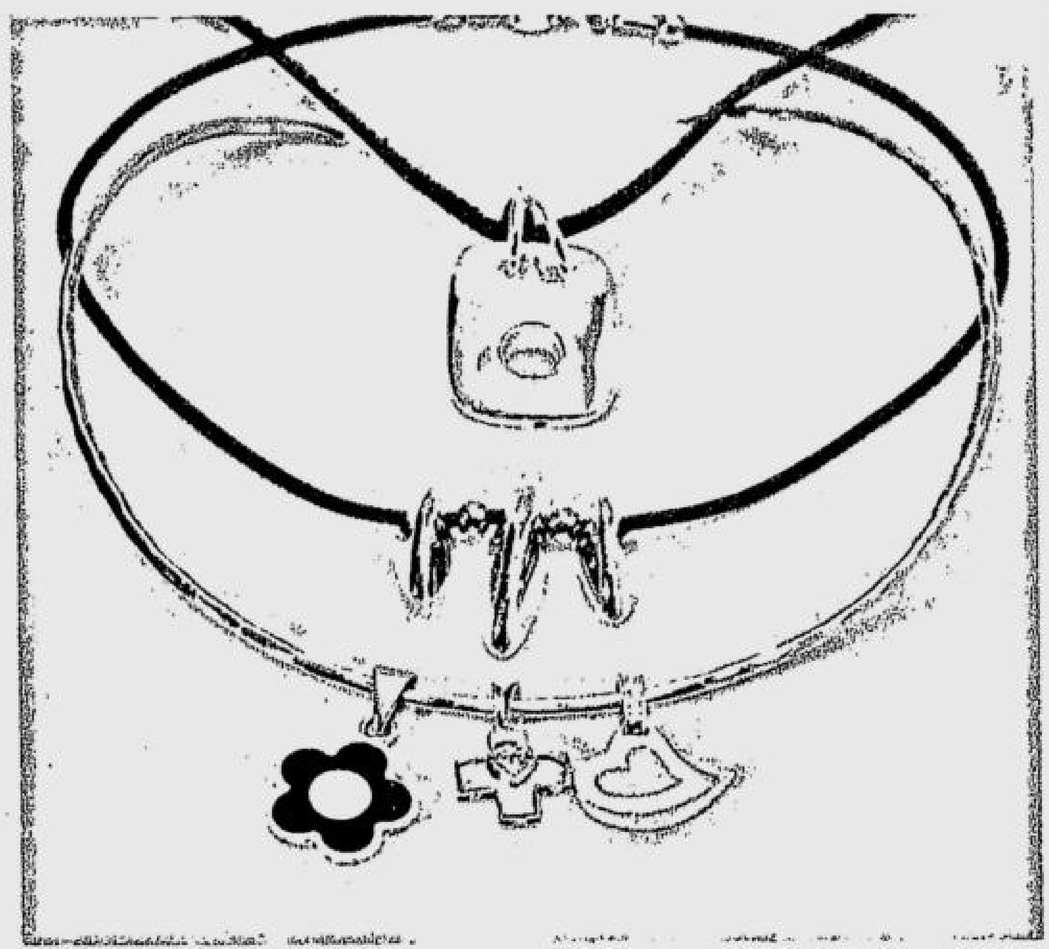

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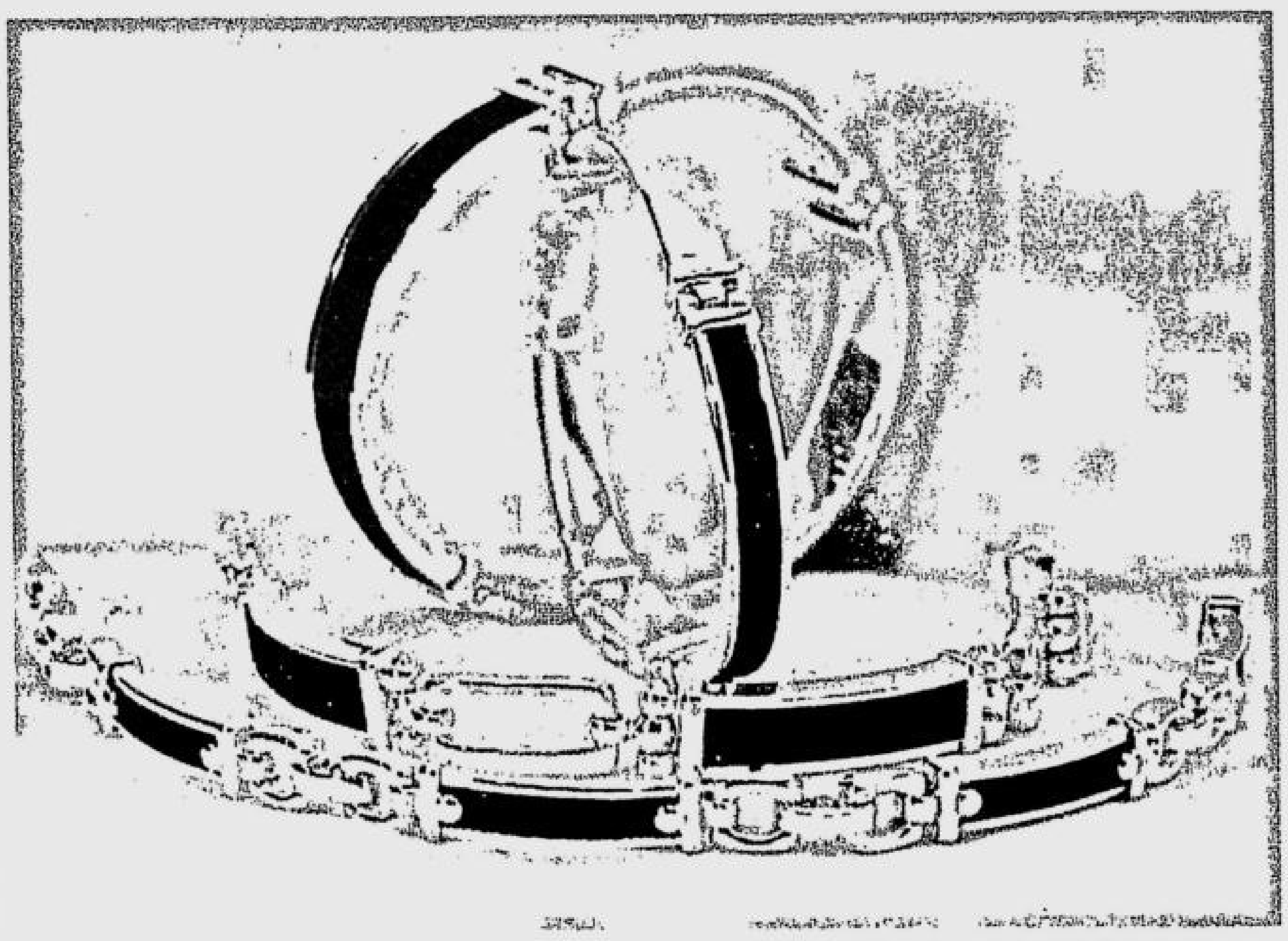
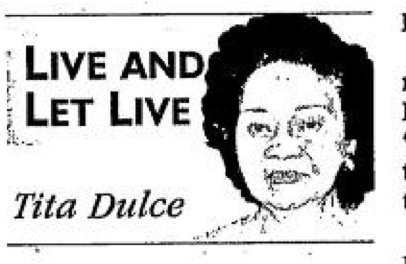


HIS AND HERS. High-polish link silver bracelets and bangles with geometric rubber inlay, P1,000-up

Reader denounces letter sender's 'cavalier attitude toward love'



LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

This is regarding the article "Couple disagrees with columnist's 'silly and outdated' advice" (PDI Lifestyle 09/13/02). Like Lorenz and Marilou, I also find "Live and Let Live" a bit old-fashioned at times, even simplistic, but always calm, reasonable and discerning.

I think Lorenz, a foreigner, is responsible for "their" letter, not Marilou, his Filipina wife, probably a former pen pal. I'll tell you why.

As a Filipina, Marilou will never disparage the Holy Church for its "iron grip" on institutions such as marriage, or its total opposition to cohabitating men and women outside of marriage.

Lorenz is from "another world" (like the US) where most couples are not married, and three out of four men and women cheat on each other, married or not.

Your advice to LL to watch out for her emotions is 100-percent correct. I've only been here in the Philippines for a short time, but never in my life have I seen so many women with children born out of wedlock.

But the point of this letter is not LL and whether or not she takes your advice (I hope she does). The point of this letter is Lorenz and his cavalier attitude toward "love" without necessarily the benefit of marriage.

My mother once told me, "If she's good enough to sleep with, she's good enough to marry." Good advice, but in my case, not needed for different reasons, least of all sex.

Personally, I can never handle the "limbo" state of just "living in" with someone. I need the "duty" part to feel complete and right about it. I'm "old-fashioned."

Marriage is a discipline, not a person, and without it, I do believe, a couple just "living together" will eventually fail all the tests a relationship encounters.

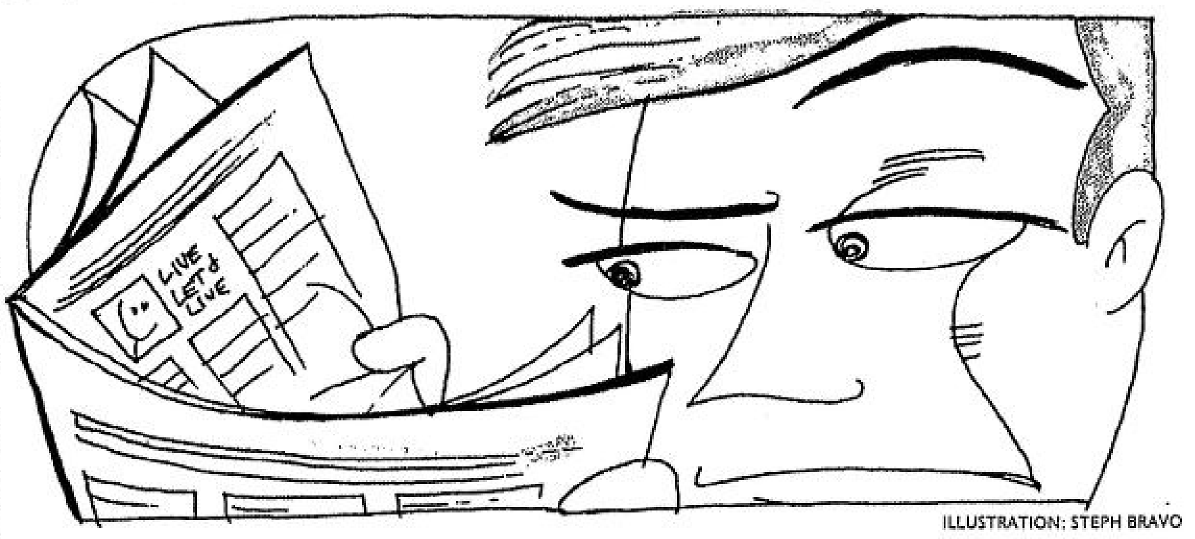
And even though marriage is no guarantee of fidelity or perfection, it does make one think twice before throwing it away.

Lorenz, to me, is a prime candidate for an affair embracing (as he says) people "about to divorce" and "who never intends to marry" because it's "only love" that counts.

Bottom line: Lorenz is kidding no one, least of all an American man who is a known "player" all his life (and who arrested quite a few for letting their sexual appetites and infidelities get out of hand), not the kind of man women would want to know.

I hope LL sticks to your advice until she finds a man who will honor her at the altar, not just in bed. My mother's advice still holds true, and so does yours.

LT. ELLIOT ANDERSON



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Thank you for expressing your thoughts.

Lieutenant Anderson is a retired Florida police lieutenant specializing in gender violence. His address: Pan-ay Clarina, Misamis Occidental 7204.

Erratum

A certain Mr. Lumibao called up from Switzerland to correct an error after he read on the Internet my column on a wife with a fantasy lover. "Thou shall not commit adultery" is the Seventh Commandment, not the Sixth as erroneously written. It was very thoughtful of him, surely a very religious man.

On reactions to criticism

Dear readers, thank you for your criticisms and thoughtful letters regarding the remarks of Lorenz and Marilou. (Yes, his wife is a Filipina.) I wish I could quote all of you here, but it will seem like publishing praises for this column.

For example, my dear Janu and Sparkle, if and when I have this column collected in a book, there will be one chapter quoting their letter, as well as your expressions of heartfelt praises and appreciation for what this column has been doing.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353; Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

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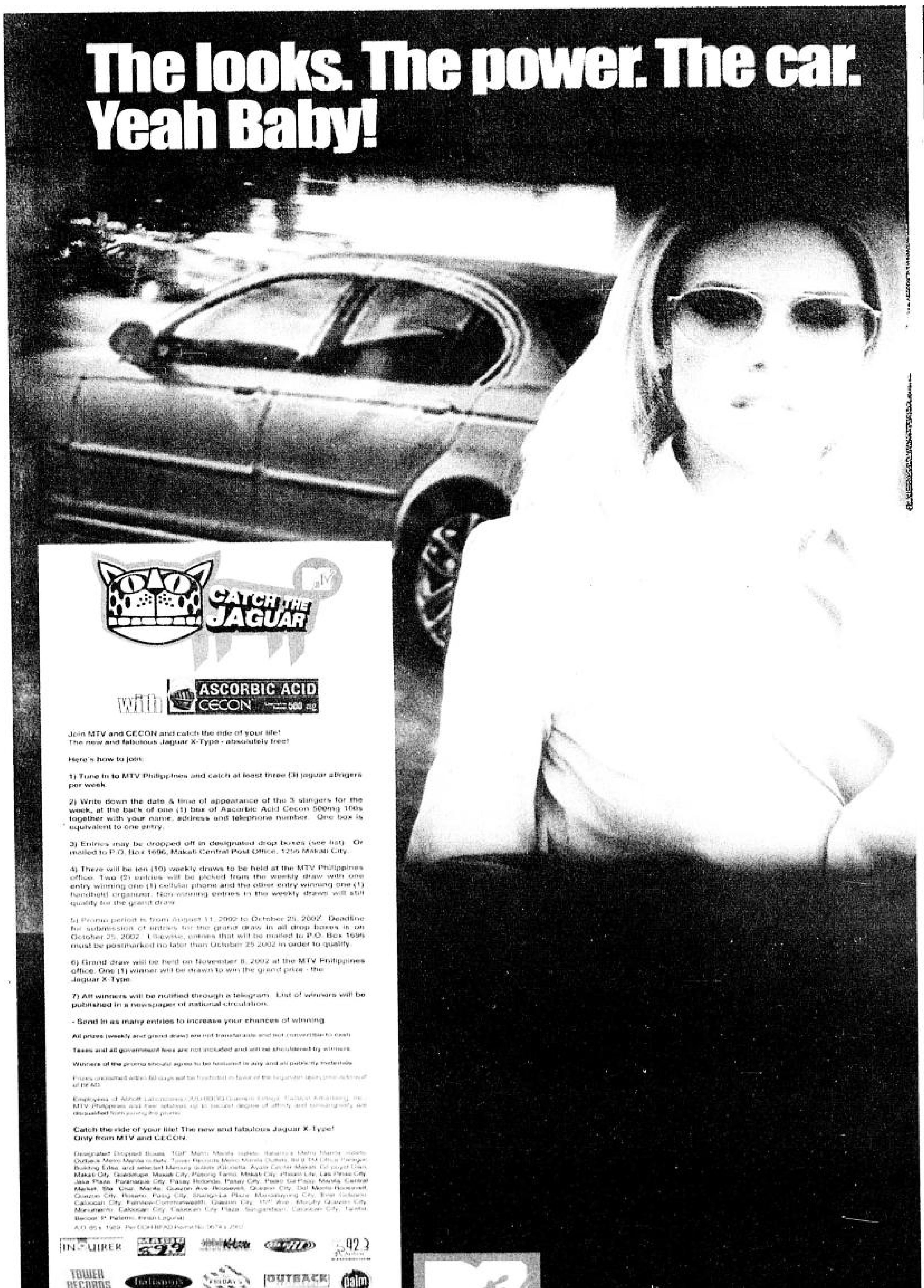

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5) Promo period is from August 11, 2002 to October 25, 2002. Deadline for submission of entries for the grand draw in all drop boxes is on October 25, 2002. Likewise, entries that will be mailed to P.O. Box 1696 must be postmarked no later than October 25 2002 in order to qualify.

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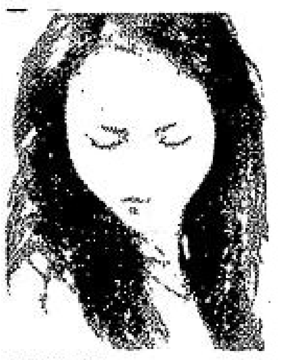


BEFORE

Ricky Reyes offers solution to dry and limp hair

AFTER setting the trend in hair straightening with Straight-Perm, Ricky Reyes opens the year's last quarter with another beauty breakthrough called Hair Reborn.

Hair Reborn makes hair bouncy and soft, something that cannot be achieved through simple shampooing and conditioning or any other process.

"There are many myths about the hair. For many years, Filipinas believed that hot oil made the hair healthy. But in truth, it doesn't do anything for the hair because hot oil is for the scalp," explains Reyes. "Just as the scalp needs care, more so the hair because it is exposed to the different elements in the environment, like the sun, the wind, the heat of the blow-dryer, plus the things we put in our hair, like color and other chemicals."

Hair Reborn works with any type of hair—colored, treated, damaged, or healthy, straight, curly. It makes use of special protein-based ingredients that are applied and ironed on the hair. The heat enables the vitamins and minerals to penetrate the cortex of the hair to make it healthier and more spirited. The result is long lasting, unlike hot oil.

Reyes has been known for new hairstyles and solutions to hair problems. In the '80s, he introduced the Crazy Colors and Crazy Curls (remember the zigzag and the spiral?). In the '90s, he brought the "cellophane" technology, which is the forerunner of Hair Reborn. Last year, StraightPerm set the trend for all other hair straightening procedures of today.

Call 721-7705 or 723-5440.

BEFORE

AFTER

AIDS Media Awards deadline extended

GOINGS-ON

THE AIDS Society of the Philippines and the Ford Foundation Philippines announced recently the extension of the AIDS Media Awards 2002 deadline to Oct. 15. The society invites all bona fide media practitioners working in newspapers and magazines, televisions and radio stations to vie for the Best AIDS News Feature in Print, Radio and TV. A special category, Best Cartoon Editorial/Strip, is open to all cartoon illustrators. All entries should have been published or aired between Aug. 1, 2001 and Oct. 15 this year. Grand prize winners will receive an all-expense exposure trip to Bangkok, Thailand in January 2003 plus pocket money of $500. Entries must be submitted to the AIDS Society of the Philippines office, Rm. 401, 4/F Doña Felisa Syjuco Building, 1212 Remedios, Malate, Manila. Call 523-1334, 536-5694, 536-5509, 536-5512.

EXHIBIT. "What a Basket" is the theme of the annual Ikebana exhibit of the Sogetsu Manila Potential Branch. It will be held today until Oct. 6 at the upper level of Ayala Center Mall, Makati City.
The exhibit, open free to the public 10 a.m.-7 p.m., features Ikebana floral arrangements in freestyle forms using assorted native baskets of different sizes, shapes and origin. Call 810-2835/820-9941.

GARDEN SHOW. The Mindanao-inspired Flower and Garden Show of the Los Baños Orchid Society headed by Dr. Jean Lasap will be held Oct. 11-20 at the Seniors' Social Garden, University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB), Laguna.
Overall show chair C.V. Lazaro said the center exhibits would be landscaped by Rex Puentespina of the Puentespina Orchids of Davao City. Theme this year is "Mindanao Inspired." The show will feature native and hybrid orchids, as well as rare birds from Malagos Farm Resort. To be exhibited are some new Puentespina orchid hybrids such as the Dendrobium Charisse, Den. Indrid Fancy and Vanda Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

APPLIANCE QUEST. Robinsons Place in Ermita holds Abenson's Appliance Quest Exhibit until Oct. 15. Abenson will offer zero-percent promotions, lower interest rates for seven major credit cards and exciting freebies. Participants are Sony, Pioneer, Sharp, Aiwa, LG, Carrier, Electrolux, Sanyo, Whirlpool, Philips and La Germania.

MALL TOUR. Catch talk show host Boy Abunda as he delves into the beauty secrets of the stars while dishing out hot news on celebrities at the upcoming series of Extraderm "Fresh Face" mall tours. The tour goes to SM Pampanga tomorrow, SM City Manila Oct. 12, and SM Southmall Oct. 26. The tour will offer a whole day of skin-pampering experience for mallgoers, with free beauty and skincare treatments ranging from soothing facial massages as well as on-the-spot skin analysis and consultations, all from the country's top skincare experts. Also in store for SM shoppers are exciting raffles and games.

PHOTO EXHIBIT. The Intramuros Administration and the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will mount a photo exhibit on Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Baluarte de Sta. Barbara Powder Magazine, Fort Santiago, Intramuros. Organized in cooperation with the Department of Tourism and Fujifilm, the exhibit will feature subjects such as architecture, landscapes, gardens, gates, bulwarks, residences, scenes, happenings and events in the historic Walled City. Call 527-2961/3138.

FORUM. The Philippine Society of Librarians and Information Specialists will hold a forum on the "New Trends of Managing Documents, Files and Publications" on Oct. 30 at the Securities and Exchange Commission's multipurpose hall, 12/F, SEC Building, Edsa, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City. A raffle draw will be held Oct. 30. Call Lyn at 724-1994; Lily, 929-2180; Joven, 527-9672; Beth, 932-1295; Ida, 891-0307; Dorie, 416-3587; and Medy, 897-8808 local 329.

HOMECOMING. The Good Shepherd Convent in Baguio City is inviting all former students of the Pelletier Hills School and the Mountain Maid Training Center to attend the alumni homecoming on Nov. 2 at the Good Shepherd Convent. The homecoming will be part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Good Shepherd Convent in Baguio City on Nov. 11. Call (074) 442-3865.

CAMP. Single mothers and their kids are in for a unique bonding experience in SMACK 2002 (Single Mothers Adventure Camp with Kids), Nov. 1-3, at Taal Lake Yacht Club, Talisay, Batangas. Operated by SNACK (Summer Nature and Arts Camp for Kids), the event will hold activities like tandem sailing, an interactive drawing session, *lubid* teambuilding, mom and child games, roundtable discussions with a child psychologist, and life testimonies from celebrity single mothers. Registration is ongoing. Call 721-0801/724-1762.

THE FRIENDS for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP) will be commemorating its 23rd anniversary this year with an annual ball dedicated to "FCCP's Celebration of Friendship," Oct. 25 at the Rizal Ballroom of Shangri-La Hotel, Makati. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit various projects of the FCCP, particularly scholarship grants to talented and deserving artists and audience development for cultural presentations. Seated from left are Helen Ong, Mellie Ablaza, FCCP president Chloe Romulo Periquet, Fortune Ledesma and Nene Leonor; (standing) Nini Layug, Solita Tan Gatue, Chit Gohu, Olga Severino Martel and Pillie Aquino.

CONCERT. The St. Theresa's College Quezon City Alumnae Association is presenting alumnus Camille Lopez in a concert dubbed "Coming Home" on Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m., at the St. Theresa's College QC Chapel. A big theater musical production on March 8, 2003 at the Teatro Aguinaldo in QC caps the association's celebration. Theresian alumni accomplished in the performing arts, TV/radio and film will be featured. Call 740-0115.

WORKSHOP. The Succeed Tutorial Center is sponsoring a Saturday art workshop for children, youths and adults. Classes are held 9-11:30 a.m. every Saturday until Nov. 16. The workshop lessons are drawing and painting still life objects with emphasis on light and shades and texture; techniques in handling of pencil and pen; introduction to the application of theories of color using pastel and watercolor; painting of landscape and seascape to develop sensitivity tonature; portrait and figure. Registration is ongoing at the 3J Edificio Bldg., corner D. Tuazon and Retiro Streets, QC. Call 732-9472/414-5200.

BAZAAR. Rochelle Rabat-del Rosario brings early Christmas spirit with "Christmas in October," Oct. 18-19, at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City. The bazaar will showcase gift items, beaded rubber slippers, European clothes, lavender-scented pillow and drawer sachets, hot water bag covers, beaded napkin rings, flower baskets, shoe bags, travel laundry bags, Christmas trees, handcrafted flower pens, homemade pasta sauces, natural soaps and aromatherapy oils. Participating merchants are Dawn Zulueta, Michelle V. Garcia, Pinpin Vergara, Jeanlepie Borromeo, Linda Tulio, Tintin Estanislao, Bingbing Taoju, Malyn Duhali, Marga Montemayor, Maryanne Montemayor, Titos Castano, Cleo Salman, La Tavola and Tadeco Livelihood.

PROMO. Big R Supercenter presents a special gimmick with Nestlé titled "My Early Christmas Wish," Oct. 7-Nov. 6. Customers who purchase P300 worth of grocery items, including any Nestlé participating brand, will be entitled to join the raffle promotion which will give away Big R gift certificates and Nestlé gift packs. Big R Supercenter branches are located at Robinsons Metro East, Robinsons Place Novaliches and Robinsons Starmills Pampanga. Call 671-2604/05.

BAZAAR. Philtrade Exhibits is hosting the fourth Angel Sent Bazaars at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel on Nov. 17, Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22. Buyers can get big discounts on Christmas decors and accessories, arts and crafts, textiles, jewelry and fashion accessories, houseware, personal care products, table tops, toys, candles, scents, RTW, regional delicacies and select delicatessen items, beverages, travel and holiday destinations. The bazaar will be open 9 a.m.-10 p.m. at the lower lobby of Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Call 820-7879, 820-1570 or page 1581 6328592.

AUDITION. Auditions for Wild Vines Movie Competition instrumental music competition will be held on Oct. 11 at the GSIS Theater, GSIS Headquarters Building, Financial Center, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Participating groups will present their chosen movie theme songs using musical instruments of their choice. Ten finalists will compete in the finals to be held Nov. 14 in the same venue. Interested applicants can still sign up. Contact the Movie Symphony Secretariat, Executive Decisions, at 448-5396 to 98.

PERFORMANCE. KidsActs Philippines presents its last quarter play offering for kids and parents billed "Where is Love?" Written and directed by theater actor Luigi Lee Nacario, this production features Alka Lim, Jairus Quevada, Celeste Sahagun, Eugene Belbis, Jezel Quevada, Jeus Quevada, RJ Cruz, Joshua Cruz, Tina Castillo, Joseph Bernardo, Kia Delfin, Vhalerie Buluran, Joy Sicat and Emil Belbis. Performances are on Oct. 12, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., at St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College, 2560 Leon Guinto St., Manila. Students, parents, teachers and other groups are entitled to 50-percent discount. The show is also available for sponsorships and special fundraising performances. Call 896-7656, (0919) 413-2282 or e-mail at kidsacts@hotmail.com.

LAUNCH. Teen idols Heart Evangelista and Marvin Agustin will guest in the grand launch of Dream Zone, Oct. 6 at Robinsons Place Manila. For this special event, Dream Zone and its new video operator, G-Box, have lined up various fun and exciting activities for all the guests. There will be pocket video game competitions such as Air Hockey Challenge, Basketball Hoops Shot, Full-Court Frenzy Challenge and Daytona USA Tournament. Winners will take home cash and other great prizes.

Art contest helps instill values in children

MANY children of renowned painters follow their parents' footsteps. In fact, most of them have already made a name for themselves. Success, however, is not achieved overnight. What they have become today can be attributed to years of patience, hard work and solid training they received at home.

Kristen Capili, or Kiten for short, is the 14-year-old daughter of Ross Capili—painter, creative director and founder of E-Art. Kiten had her first hands-on training in drawing and painting at an early age. She would watch her father paint in his studio and follow him every time he conducted summer art workshops. Having been exposed to different kinds of media, she started joining art contests at 6. When she was 8, she participated in an international competition, where she made an artwork that would best depict her country. Kiten recalls with fond memories how she finished her entry an hour before the deadline. Her design of a crowded, colorful jeepney with a man hanging on at the back won the hearts of foreign judges.

Although the young high schooler from St. Scholastica has shifted to arts and crafts, dabbling in greeting card designs, bead accessories and lip balms, she is grateful that her creativity and talent have a lot to do with the discipline, perseverance, humility and love for work she learned from her father.

When one looks at Steve Santos' watercolors, one is instantly drawn to the raw realism and vividness of his natural style. The meticulous detail he applies to every piece shows how dedicated he is to his craft. Steve was only 7 years old when his interest in art began to take shape.

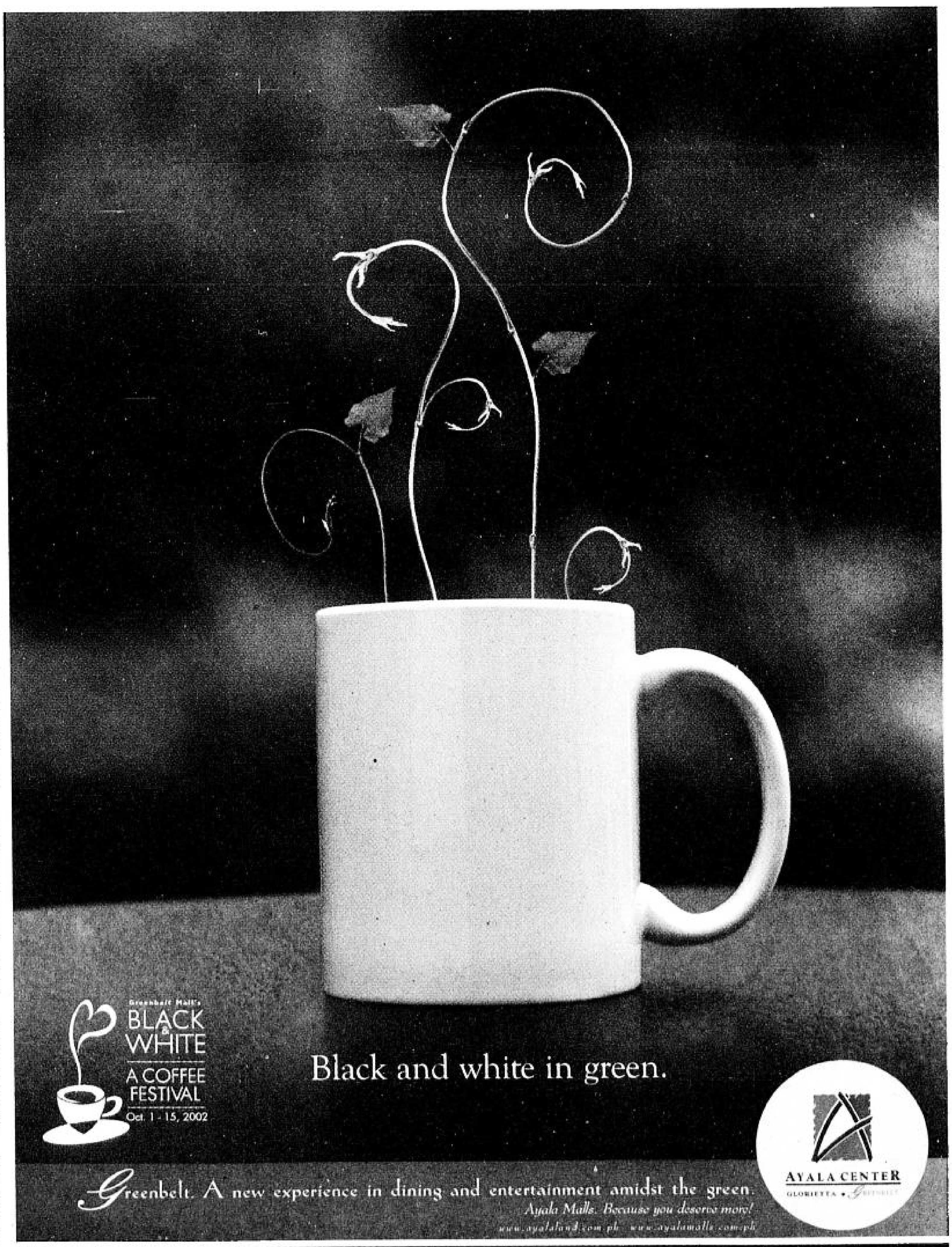
Watching his father Mauro "Malang" Santos work on his daily comic strips and illustrations for a newspaper, he was influenced to draw and copy Disney characters. His father started teaching him the basic rudiments of drawing and color combination. Steve eventually took up advertising and painting in college and, although greatly influenced by his father, he developed his own distinctive style.

Steve has won five major awards, participated in numerous exhibits since 1973, and has had 12 one-man shows to date. His first solo exhibit at the Luz Art Gallery was sold out. He is currently the art director and web designer of Hong Kong-based magazines and publications.

Jollibee Foods Corp. (JFC) aims to help instill such love for art in children across the country through its annual "Kaya Mo, Kid!" competition and child empowerment campaign. The response to this year's "Kapayapaan, Kaya Mong Ilarawan, Kid!" painting contest was astounding as more than 3,500 entries from children aged 7-12 from all over the country were submitted.

"We're very happy with this year's turnout and highly pleased that more and more kids have been encouraged to instill positive values, such as spreading peace in their own small yet very special ways," says Pinky Laurena, JFC marketing manager.

Thirty aspiring artists were selected by a distinguished panel of judges headed by Steve Santos during the semifinals held recently. The 30 hopefuls who will compete in the national finals to be held in Metro Manila on Oct. 11 will be flown in by Cebu Pacific, the competition's official carrier, together with their guardians. They will be billeted at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel during the finals. The other sponsors are Goodwill Bookstore, Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan and PET Plans.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SM introduces Mother Care fashion line

> ***"... the key to stylish dressing during pregnancy is to pick out the trends you like and adapt them to your new body."***
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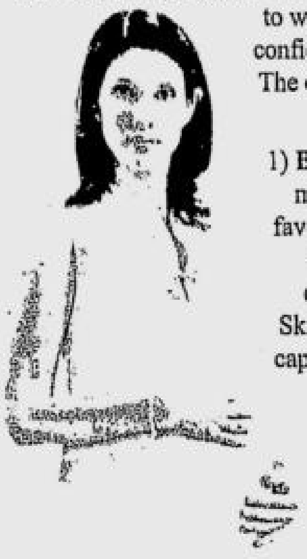
> *Pregnancy Chic: The Fashion Survival Guide*

Pregnancy is probably the only time in a woman's life when she actually looks forward to gaining weight. Along the way, she might find it increasingly difficult to get the right clothes to fit her ever-growing size while maintaining her taste and style in fashion.



The **SM Mother Care** maternity line offers moms-to-be fashionable options. SM Mother Care carries a wide selection of stylish apparel that can take pregnant women from home to work and out with confidence and grace. The collection comes in three styles:

1) **BASIC** everyday maternity fashion favors strappy tops, sleeved tees and collared blouses. Skirts, trousers and capris are in denim, crepe, twill or cottonknit. Dresses are either in A-line or Empire cut.

2) **TRENDY WEAR** collection varies in style and details every season. The initial sets featured here are characterized by ruffles, lace-up and embroidery-accented tops. Smocking and ruching are also favored. Matching bottoms are denim pants or skirt, capris and bootleg trousers.

3) **FORMAL WEAR** The clothes in this collection are so versatile they can be worn from nine to seven and after.The featured ensembles are touched up with ruffles and embroidery. For pants or skirt, linen and crepe fabrics are the favorites.

Mother Care styles are designed from a variety of fabrics that "allow the skin to breathe" - - Swiss cotton, stretch cotton, linen, voile, twill, and chambray. Colors are in sedate neutrals (beige or khaki), immaculate white or muted pastels (old rose, powder blue, almond yellow). Florals, stripes, paisley, Bohemian and English embroidery are the preferred prints.

Looking your best while waiting for baby

Being pregnant doesn't mean you can't keep up with the trends and feel fashionable.

Play up your best features. Work with styles that accentuate your arms and legs because it will balance your beautifully expanding belly. Choose sleeveless tops or dresses; they create one long silhouette. When you're deciding between long and short hemlines, go short and wear stockings that match your shoes so your legs will look like uninterrupted slim lines.

Choose snug over bulky. Donning bigger clothes to hide your ever-growing size only contributes to a bulkier look. Instead, slim down your silhouette and emphasize the features that aren't expanding.

Don't wear restrictive clothing. Tight belts and girdles, socks or stockings with elastic bands hamper blood circulation. Do wear maternity support hose or stockings to help minimize the risk of varicose veins.

Try some trimmings. One of the easiest ways to add dimension and flair to an otherwise simple ensemble is to try long, dangling earrings and lariat necklaces to de-emphasize fullness in your face. Wear a patterned scarf in your hair, put a jeweled cuff on your wrist, or carry a chic handbag. Better yet, if you're going to be on your feet all day, wear open-toed sandals or sling-backs. Sexy shoes can instantly perk up practically any outfit.

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No matter what body type you have, these simple fashion tricks will help you throughout pregnancy

if you're petite, stick with monochromatic tops and bottoms

if you're curvy on the bottom, choose pants and skirts in dark hues. Avoid horizontal stripes. Try men's wear style shirts. They're comfortable and oversized and will minimize hips.

if you're tall, knee-length skirts look great on you. Don't dress all in one color. Instead, mix colors. Try long jackets, either with pants or over a dress.

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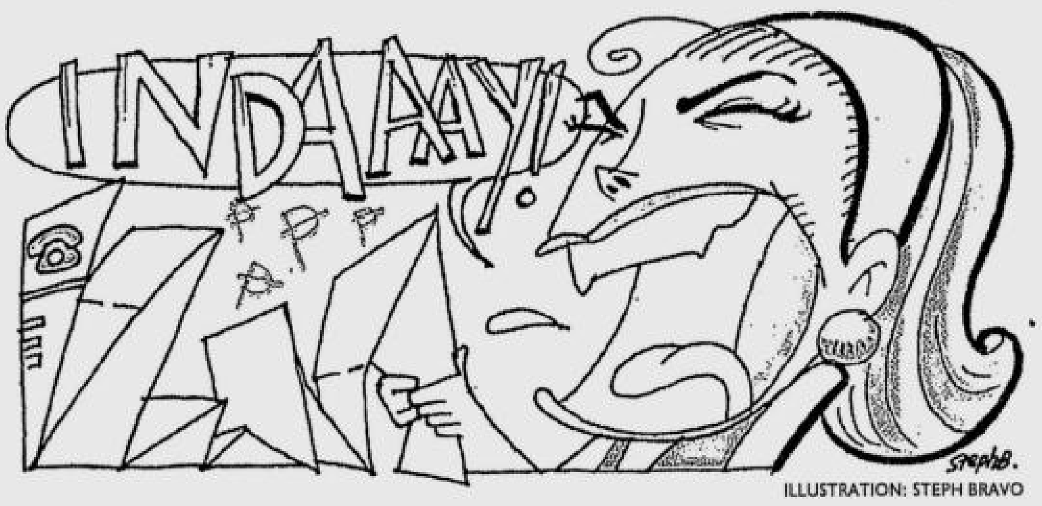

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People swap horror stories about the strangers we let into our houses and pay to run our lives

The DH Diaries (Domestic Horrors)

By Jose Javier Reyes
Contributor

ONE fine day, as I was waiting for the lighting set-up to be completed on location, I noticed my lead actress going through a PLDT bill with her secretary, checking each and every number listed, wrestling with her memory, trying to identify who was called and when the calls were made.

Being congenitally nosy, I asked her what the fuss was all about. She angrily mentioned that her monthly phone bill had reached a mind-boggling, wallet-shattering P18,000+.

Eventually she discovered the culprit: one of her housemaids. And this was not a first offense.

Apparently the domestic helper (DH) was dealing with a major case of loneliness. To survive a form of urban ennui resulting from bucolic origins, her therapy was to call friends through their cell phones, using her Ate's landline.

The actress was fuming mad, threatening to: a) strangle the *katulong* with the cord of the phone; b) send her back to the boondocks to rejoin her family (whom she misses to the point of dementia) and re-immerse in provincial bliss; or c) ship her to Sabah where Malaysian authorities know "better" what to do with her kind.

Not like before

This event certainly opened a whole drum of worms—maggots, serpents and Loch Ness monsters included.

I remember what my mother used to say, "They don't make them like they used to anymore."

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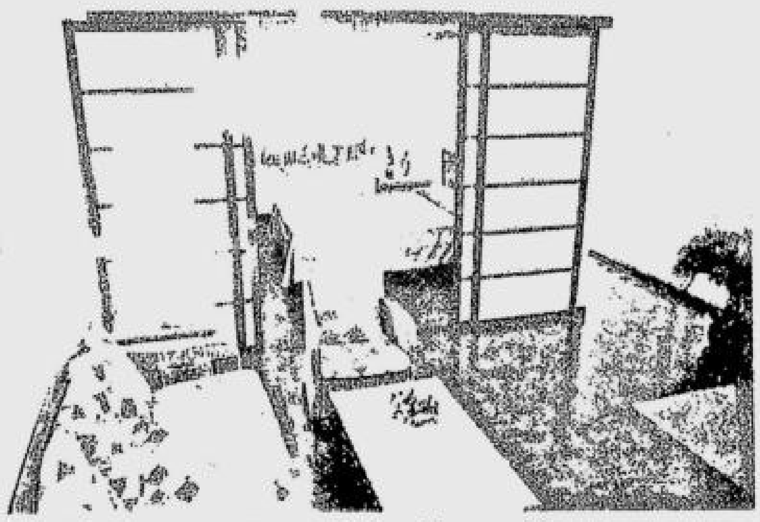
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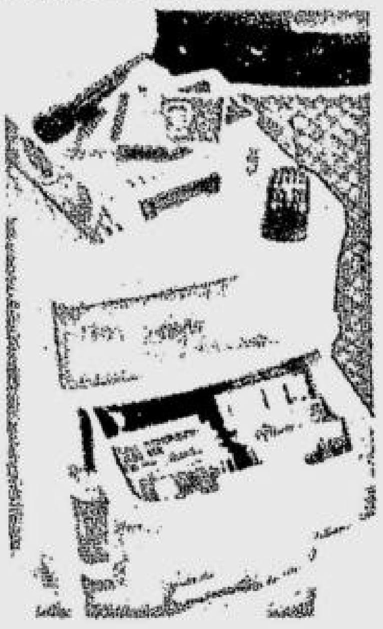

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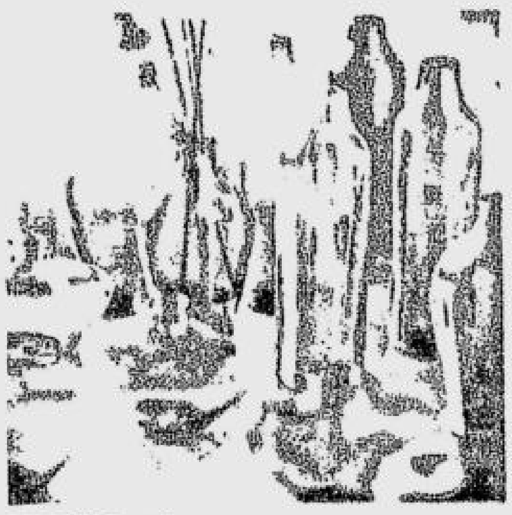
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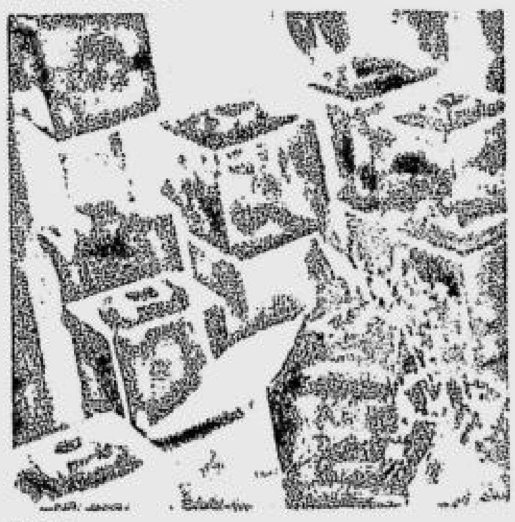
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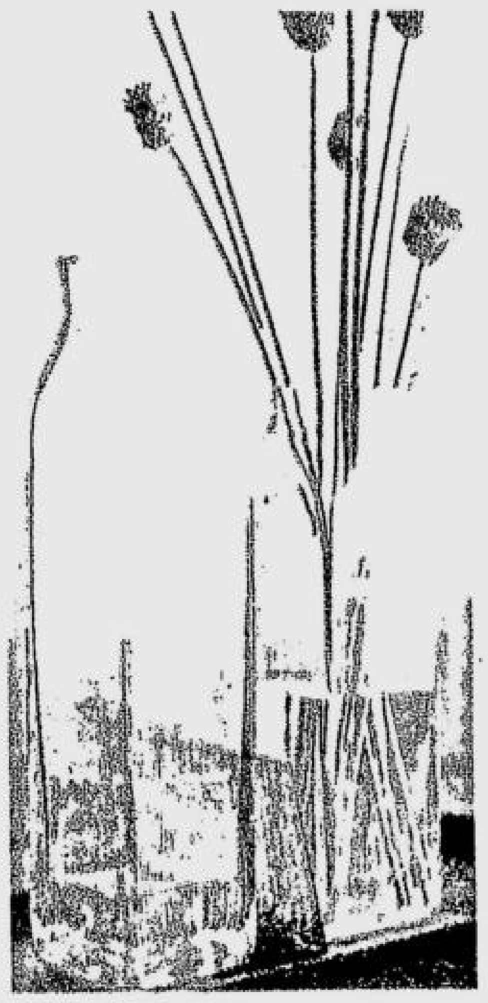
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Lifestyle shop can be workstation, too

THE NEWLY renovated Artemis, a "lifestyle shop" on Pasong Tamo Extension in the heart of Makati City, invites admirers of fine fabrics and other home décor items to take a leisurely look at what it offers.

Customers are encouraged to take their time to browse and even to relax, have a cup of coffee and use the store's resources to research, work on design projects or make it a temporary workstation.

Artemis showcases fine decorative fabrics, wallpaper, trimmings, furnishings, hardware, decorative accessories, bathroom fittings and carpets, making it a favorite among local interior designers since it opened in 1995.

International designs exclusively represented by Artemis include Jim Thompson, Donghia, Pierre Frey, Braquenie, Gaston y Daniela, Schumacher, and Crucial Trading, which are synonymous with comfort, quality, durability and timeless elegance.

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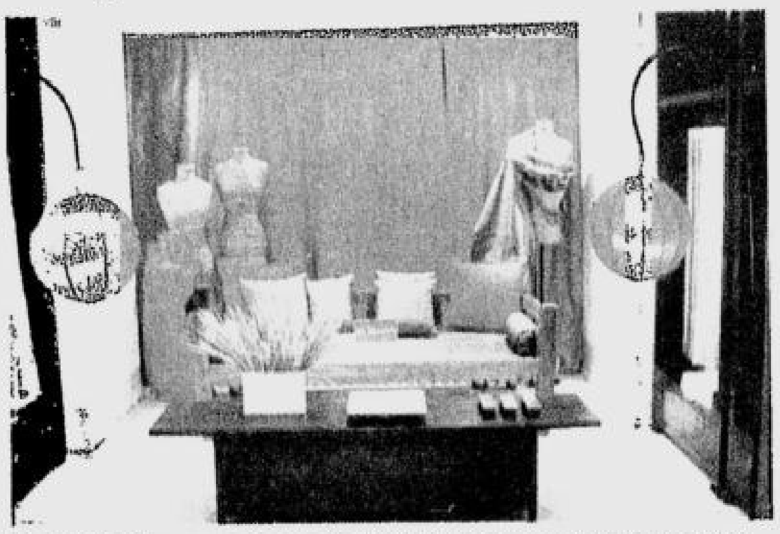
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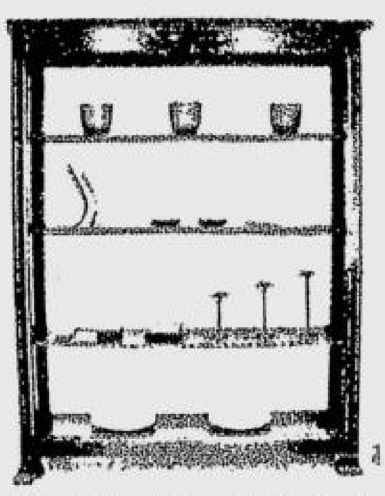
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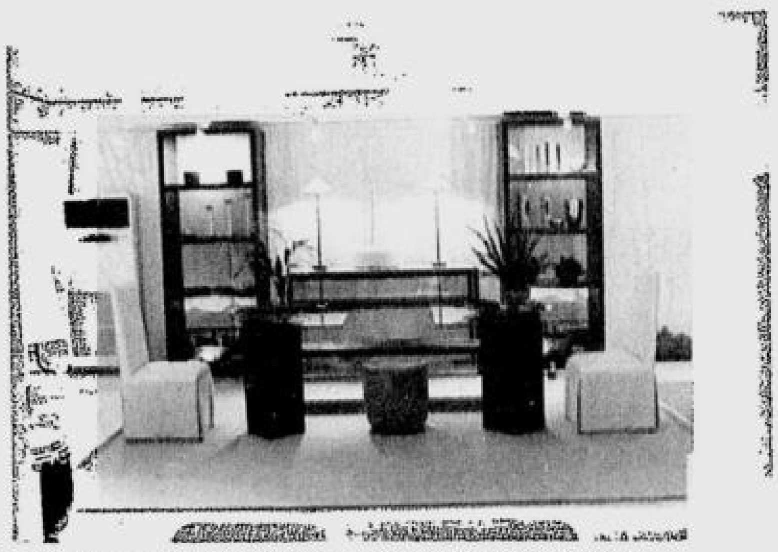
PINE base table with glass top and *molave* side tables

RATTAN mannequins, a daybed, lounge chairs and a coffee table

Furniture exhibit features the world's best brands

BLIMS Fine Furniture is holding an early holiday exhibit until Oct. 11 at the Alabang Town Center's New Wing Activity Center.

The exhibit, titled "Naughty or Nice," showcases the company's holiday collection and is one of the major highlights of the company's 25th year celebration.

Featured in the 10-day event are the latest collections of the world's best furniture brands, some of which can only be found at Blims, such as Simmons of New York, which is known for its mattresses, armchairs, love-seats, sofas and sofa beds; Southshore, for its bedroom collection, cabinet wardrobe line and entertainment pieces; Italsofa, for its sofa sets and armchairs; L-a-z-Boy, for its recliner; O'Sullivan, for its furniture line; Ameriwood of USA, for its ready-to-assemble furniture; and the Alain Deello leather line.

The furniture pieces will be showcased in vignettes that will highlight various home interior themes such as classic, Oriental, Zen, contemporary, etc. Complementing the settings are appliances from Sony, flower arrangements and Christmas trimmings by Designer Blooms, rugs and curtains by Shell Canvas, wooden tiles from True Value, trees from Jesu Blooms & Evergreen Flower Shop, lamps by Renditions and Leo from Maro Zayco, special Christmas decorations from Leo Almeria and Christmas Décor Producers & Exporters Association of the Phils. There will also be special performances tomorrow and on Oct. 6 by Vox Manila and the San Beda College Chorale.

Guided by its commitment to help transform Filipino houses into homes through world-class quality furniture, Blims has lined up a host of special activities for the year, kicking off with a silver special offer of a 50-percent discount on the second item purchased at any of its showrooms. With its flagship store located on Ayala Avenue, Makati, its other showrooms are in Greenbelt 1, Glorietta, Robinsons Galleria, Festival Mall, Alabang Town Center, SM Southmall, SM North Edsa, Robinsons Place Novaliches and Ayala Center in Cebu.

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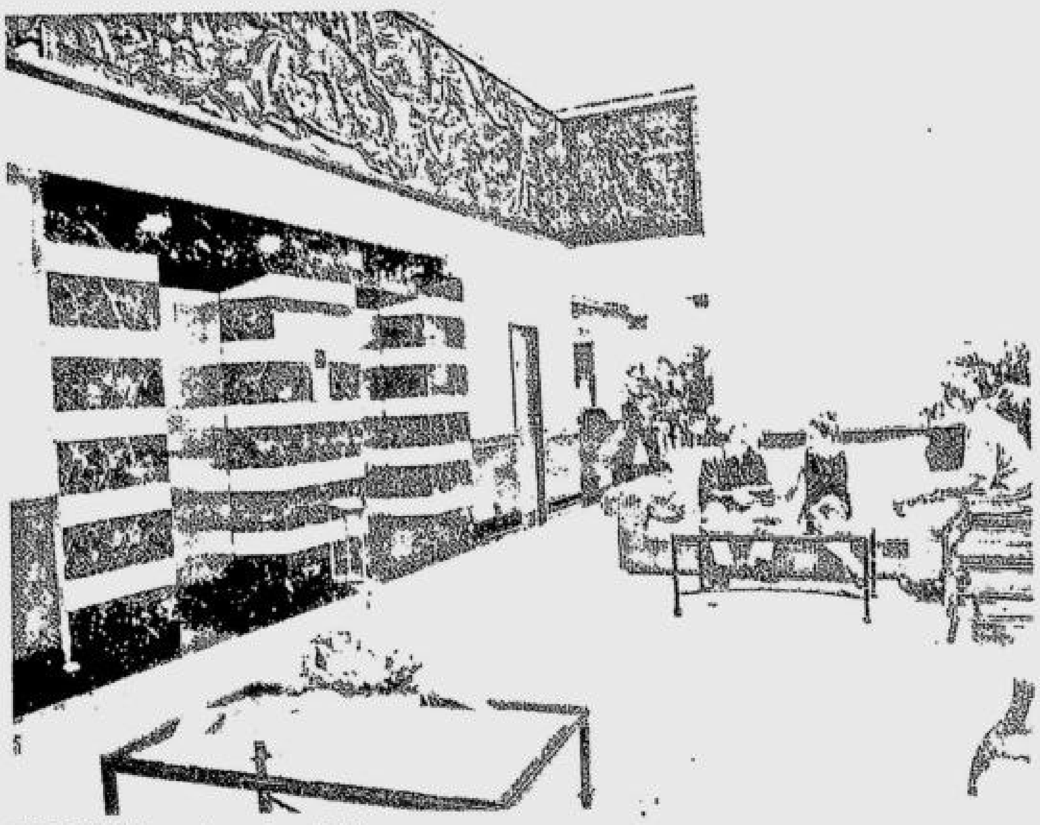
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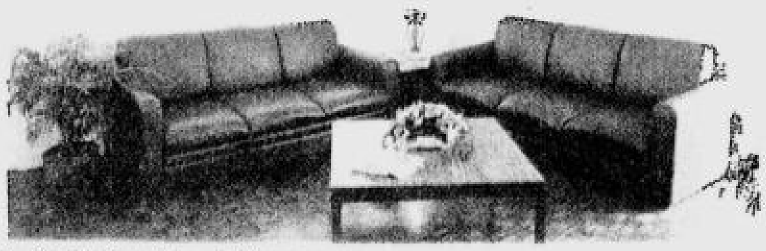
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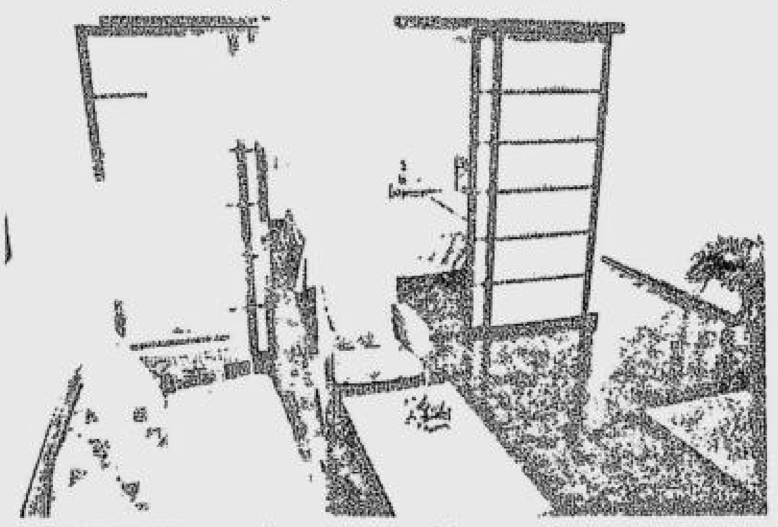
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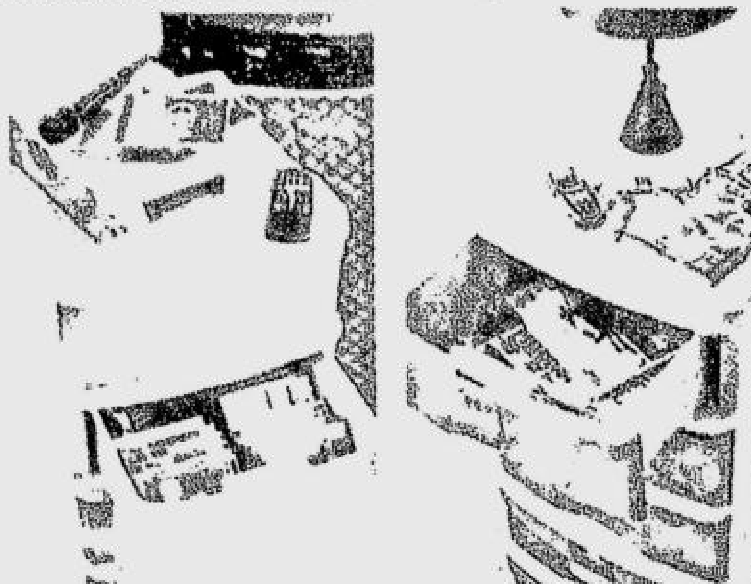

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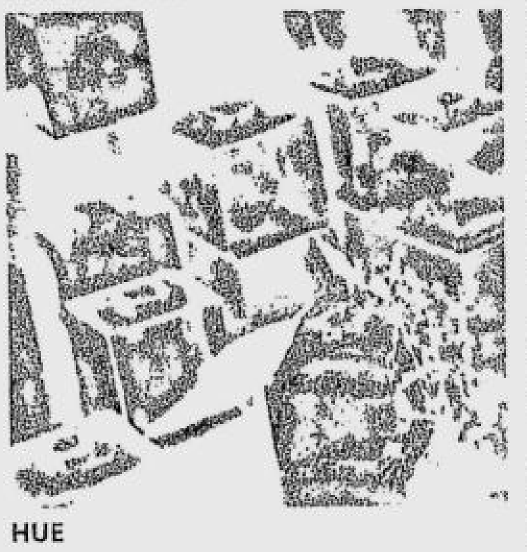
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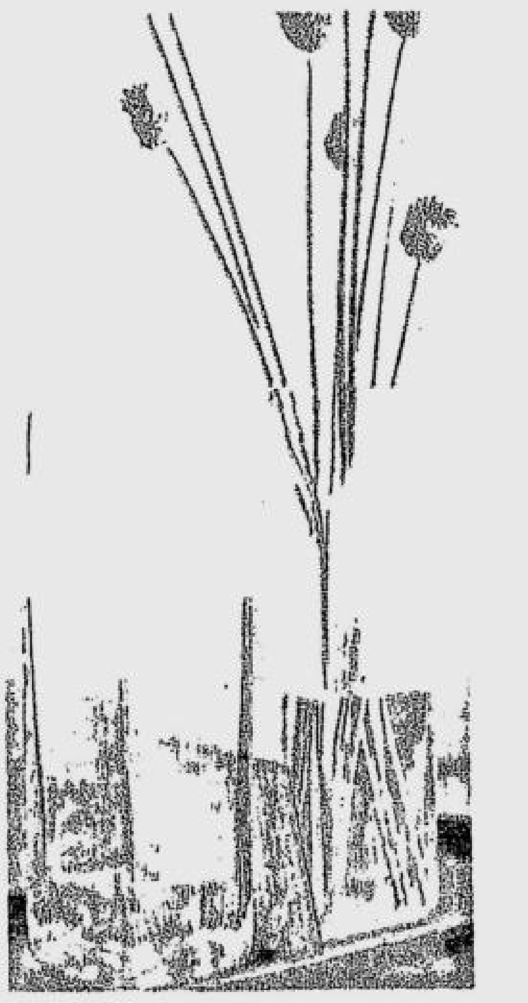
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Lifestyle shop can be workstation, too

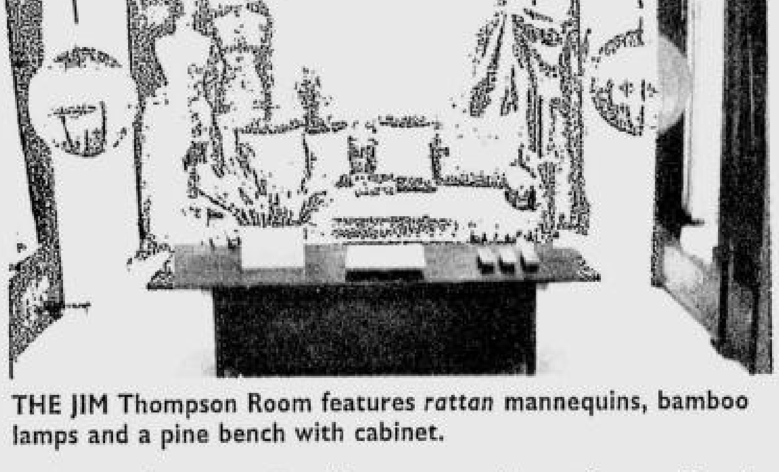
THE NEWLY renovated Artemis, a "lifestyle shop" on Pasong Tamo Extension in the heart of Makati City, invites admirers of fine fabrics and other home décor items to take a leisurely look at what it offers.

Customers are encouraged to take their time to browse and even to relax, have a cup of coffee and use the store's resources to research, work on design projects or make it a temporary workstation.

Artemis showcases fine decorative fabrics, wallpaper, trimmings, furnishings, hardware, decorative accessories, bathroom fittings and carpets, making it a favorite among local interior designers since it opened in 1995.

International designs exclusively represented by Artemis include Jim Thompson, Donghia, Pierre Frey, Braquenie, Gaston y Daniela, Schumacher, and Crucial Trading, which are synonymous with comfort, quality, durability and timeless elegance.

The store also makes available to the customer such things as memo swatches, photo flyers, pads and pens. Their in-house interior designers are on hand to assist.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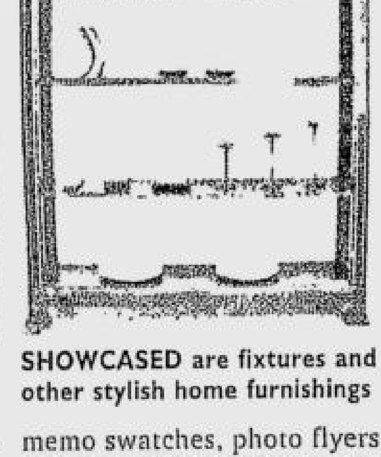
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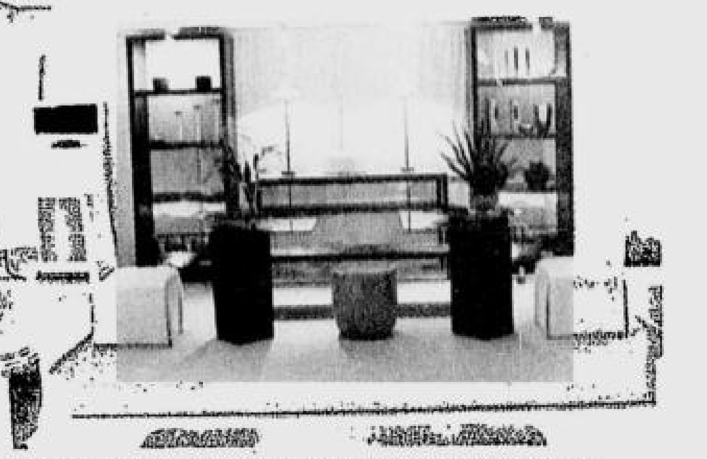
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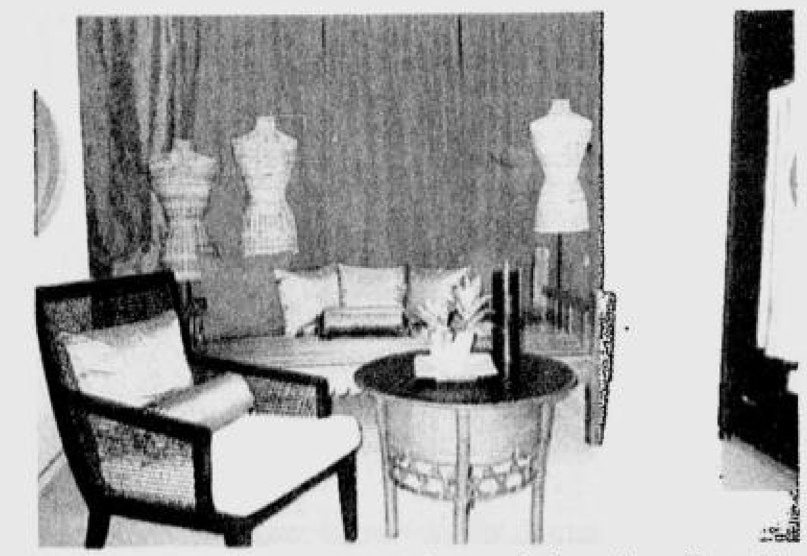

RATTAN mannequins, a daybed, lounge chairs and a coffee table

Furniture exhibit features the world's best brands

BLIMS Fine Furniture is holding an early holiday exhibit until Oct. 11 at the Alabang Town Center's New Wing Activity Center.

The exhibit, titled "Naughty or Nice," showcases the company's holiday collection and is one of the major highlights of the company's 25th year celebration.

Featured in the 10-day event are the latest collections of the world's best furniture brands, some of which can only be found at Blims, such as Simmons of New York, which is known for its mattresses, armchairs, love-seats, sofas and sofa beds; Southshore, for its bedroom collection, cabinet wardrobe line and entertainment pieces; Italsofa, for its sofa sets and armchairs; L-a-z-Boy, for its recliner; O'Sullivan, for its furniture line; Ameriwood of USA, for its ready-to-assemble furniture; and the Alain Deello leather line.

The furniture pieces will be showcased in vignettes that will highlight various home interior themes such as classic, Oriental, Zen, contemporary, etc. Complementing the settings are appliances from Sony, flower arrangements and Christmas trimmings by Designer Blooms, rugs and curtains by Shell Canvas, wooden tiles from True Value, trees from Jesu Blooms & Evergreen Flower Shop, lamps by Renditions and Leo from Maro Zayco, special Christmas decorations from Leo Almeria and Christmas Décor Producers & Exporters Association of the Phils. There will also be special performances tomorrow and on Oct. 6 by Vox Manila and the San Beda College Chorale.

Guided by its commitment to help transform Filipino houses into homes through world-class quality furniture, Blims has lined up a host of special activities for the year, kicking off with a silver special offer of a 50-percent discount on the second item purchased at any of its showrooms. With its flagship store located on Ayala Avenue, Makati, its other showrooms are in Greenbelt 1, Glorietta, Robinsons Galleria, Festival Mall, Alabang Town Center, SM Southmall, SM North Edsa, Robinsons Place Novaliches and Ayala Center in Cebu.

The DH Diaries (Domestic Horrors)

From page E1

Well, yes. Gone were the days when household help really helped—and had loyalty and dedication to a family, unmatched by wayward husbands, negligent wives, irresponsible fathers and neurotic mothers. The old household help served with unconditional love, practically becoming part of the family, selflessly working to preserve a happy household despite salaries that were just a little better than those paid for slave labor.

As part of the family, maids stay until old age, sometimes setting traditions and spawning generations of housekeepers in perpetual service to the ever-growing clans of their *amos*. The *yayas* practically become the children's mothers, the *mayordomas* run the household, and the drivers know more about the personal lives of their bosses than anyone else.

But those days are definitely over. Now people swap horror stories about the strangers we let into our houses and pay to run our lives. It has become a game of one-upmanship, a contest on who got the worst maid—or who committed the most serious crime and misdemeanor.

"Maybe all the good ones have migrated to Hong Kong and Singapore," a friend commented. "The ones left here are like the overruns or rejects sold in *tiangges* in Greenhills and Tutuban."

Chocoholic maid

Shall I mention a maid I got years ago, who left the house to cavort in Manila's interesting spots with her friends as soon as my car was out of the garage? Or the one who served me nothing but *togue* and chicken necks because she felt she deserved to eat the rest of the fowl since she did the marketing and cooking?

Or what about the one who sprayed Pledge on an Ibarra de la Rosa painting because she discovered a layer of dust on the impressionist piece and she wanted to make it "*maganda at makintab*"?

Or a friend's maid with a passion for chocolates, who decided to give stuff freshly bought from Duty Free Shop to Kiko, the *karpintero* in a construction site two houses away? Or the *kusinera* who pocketed a third of the weekly marketing budget for her spending money? Or the *tsimay* who routinely put aside portions of the rice supply to send to her family, and the one who had a taste for corned beef, pork and beans and Vienna sausages that she would put some in her tote bag every Sunday when she had her day off?

Hey, what about the *telebabad* queen who cannot help but make *kuwento* to her fellow domestics—most likely about juicy events in her bosses' home? Maids congregating right before sunset (watering the plants, sweeping the front yard, taking out the garbage, walking the dog or the baby) form a highly sophisticated and complex communication network that will rival CNN and BBC.

Right way

Too many discussions and debates have tried to establish the right way to treat a maid. A consensus is that, if you treat them too nicely, they become *adelantada* and would soon order you around and even take control of your TV's remote. Use an iron fist like you were running a boot camp and the entire neighborhood would begin to suspect your family tree includes a member of the dreaded Gestapo, Hitler's secret police.

It is difficult to decide when to act like the saintly Mother Teresa and when to morph into the no-nonsense-get-on-with-it Mother Lily (Monteverde).

I guess I should be offering weekly Masses of thanksgiving because the housekeepers I have do not only love to cook (as evidenced by my ballooning weight) but run my domain with precision and trustworthiness. Oh, sure they are not perfect, but then, if they were, they would be earning greenbacks serving some Hong Kong or Singaporean Chinese master.

One of my housekeepers loves animals, the reason why I can live comfortably with five dogs. But I just found out that her St. Francis of Assisi complex is getting the better of her because she has now adopted two abandoned kittens, even bottle-feeding them with Cerelac because "*kawawa naman sila*, Kuya."

Okay, okay, though I dread the day she discovers snakes' eggs in the empty lot across my house.

Butcher, baker . . .

The other housekeeper wanted to learn new things and asked to enrol in courses offered by the community to enrich the domestics' lives. First, she took up courses in no-bake pastries, and for three straight weeks, I was stuffed with every imaginable form of refrigerator cakes and cheesecakes, until my blood sugar reached a critical level.

Then it was a one-day seminar on meat preserving. So, aside from the desserts oozing with *leche condensada*, I now endure homemade *tocinos* and every imaginable form of meat turned into *longganisas* of grotesque shapes and proportions.

Next week, the course is on candle making. My house will probably be transformed into a scene from Bram Stoker's "Dracula," or we will start a business just in time for All Saints' Day.

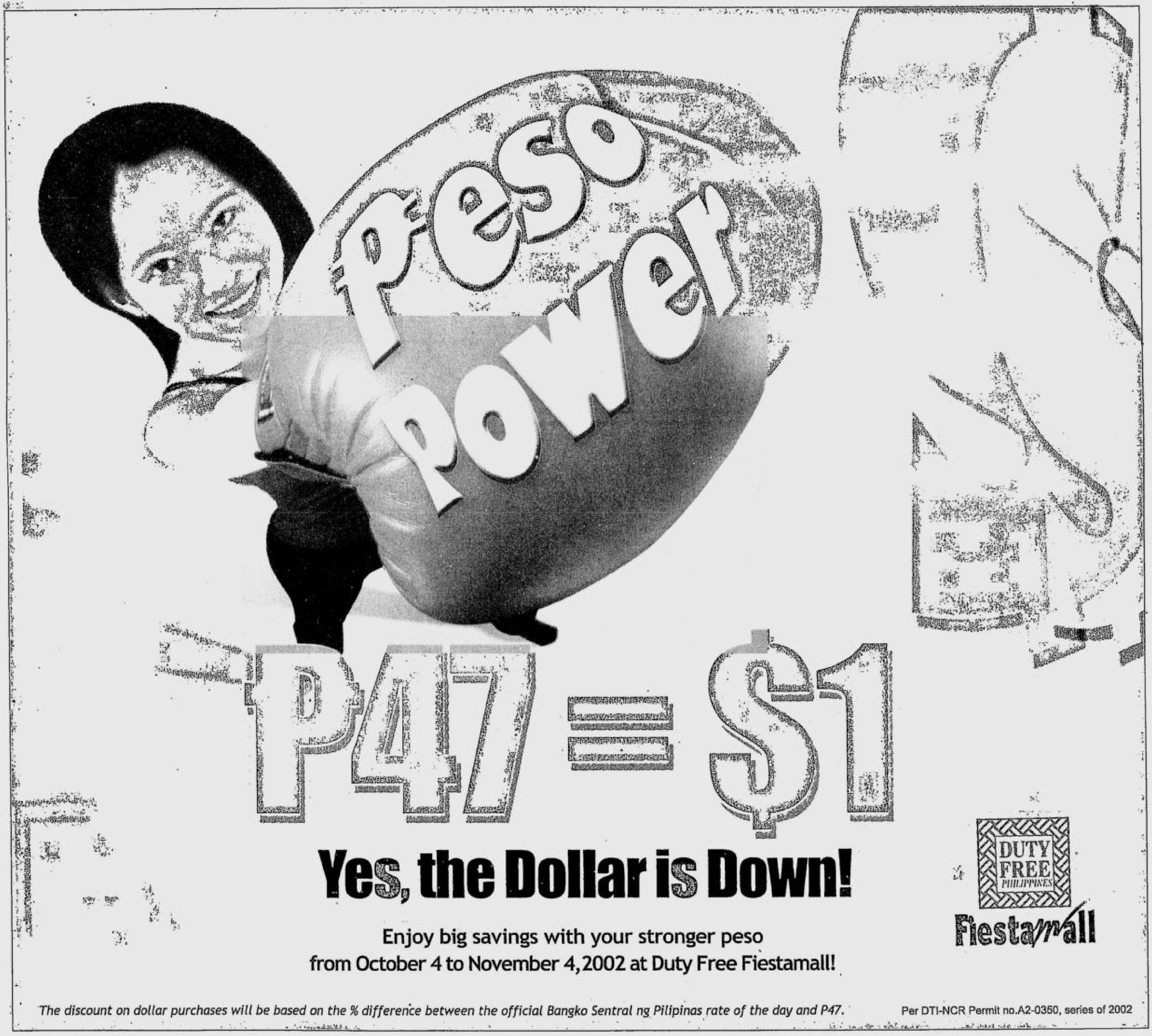
A few days later, the actress with the phone bills problems was again upset. Her *telebabad* maid was finally gone, but her other two maids vanished into thin air two days later, probably in sympathy with their colleague.

The actress was unruffled. "*Naku*, I know how to cook, wash and iron clothes, clean the house and drive. No maid or driver can ever threaten me with his or her disappearance."

So we started fantasizing about a life without maids—the American way, where floor polishers, vacuum cleaners, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers replaced erratic, eccentric and sometimes egocentric helpers who get pregnant, have sick relatives in the province, go on a day-off and return two weeks later, and make *tsismis* about everything you do and don't.

We started drawing up the pluses and minuses of being dependent on household help, like not having to make *panimbang* with strangers who watch three straight hours of soap operas on TV while your ulcers start to act up as you wait for dinner to be served.

Indeed, as my mother used to say, "They don't make them like they used to anymore."



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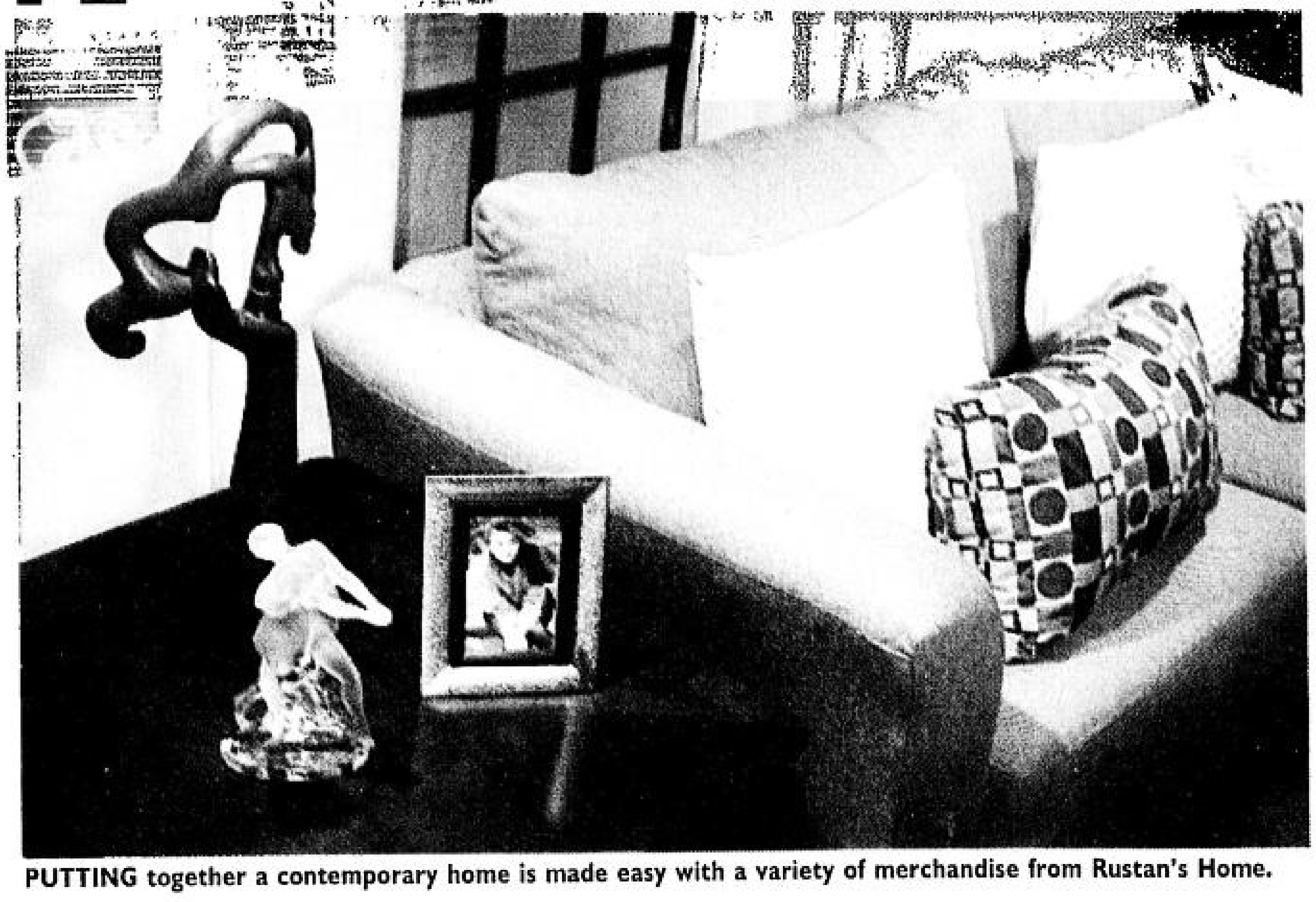


PUTTING together a contemporary home is made easy with a variety of merchandise from Rustan's Home.

Store's new layout makes shopping easier

RUSTAN'S has redesigned its home section to give shoppers greater ease and convenience.

Rustan's Home now has wide-open spaces, affording a better view of merchandise. The section carries high-quality pieces and allows for a convenient and leisurely shopping experience.

Rustan's Home sits on two floors of Rustan's Makati, the department store chain's flagship outlet.

The dinnerware section carries names like Villeroy & Boch, Top Choice and Noritake, among others. Oneida and Gottinghen sets are among the items offered in the flatware and hollowware section. The kitchen linen area carries fine table linen, runners and napkins, and the table accessories section displays pieces from Bodum, Pimpernell and Waltherglass.

The new layout makes it easier to pick out the comforter from Frette that will complement pillowcases from Varessa and match the towel from Wamsutta.

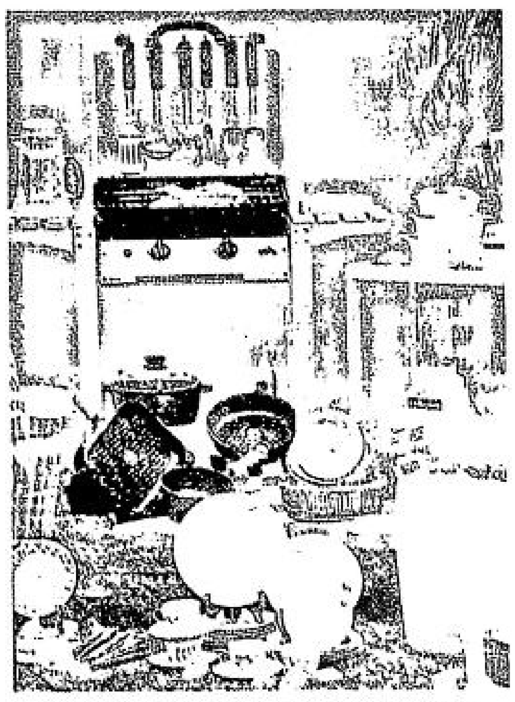
The low display stands of the décor section features pieces from Nao, Florence, Austin and Murano. In the glassware section are sets from RCR, Luminarc, Corelle and Indiana, among others.

Distinctly Filipino products are in the section Our Very Own. The products range from picture frames to furniture pieces and dinnerware sets.

Rustan's Home also has home appliances from Philips, Moulinex and Oster; crystals from Swarovski, Lalique, Orrefors and Bohemia; kitchenware from Ballarini, Pedrini, WMF, Tefal; plastics from Sterilite, Guzini and Rubbermaid; and a gift area for accents to complete the look of a room.

Also at Rustan's Home is Home Café, a small, cozy corner for snacks or a full meal. The menu drawn up by patron chef Henry F. Canoy offers a selection of salads, soups and main courses.

The new Rustan's Home was introduced to the public on Sept. 23 via a musical presentation "A Day in a Lifetime of Love," written and directed by Floy Quintos, with Gerard Salonga as musical director and featuring stage veteran Lynn Sherman, among others.



KITCHENWARE from Ballarini, Pedrini, WMF and Tefal are available at Rustan's Home.

Workshop brings out the artist in you

JIM Paredes will conduct a workshop that will help uncover, identify and set aside the blocks that stand in the way of creativity in everyday life. Titled "Tapping the Universe," the workshop hopes to awaken the inner joy and natural creative impulse each person possesses.

Through six two-hour sessions spread out in two weeks, the workshop will partly employ the techniques found in "The Artist's Way" (by Julia Cameron and Mark Bryan) plus Paredes' practices as a successful, multifaceted artist. The sessions will extensively deal with issues on creativity through personally assigned tasks and interactive exercises.

The workshops will be held Oct. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21, 7-9 p.m., at Tao Center, 1499 Carissa St., Dasmariñas Village, Makati.

Jim Paredes is a successful practicing creative engaged in song writing, record producing, arranging and performing with the Apo Hiking Society. He is also a lecturer and has done work for various advertising campaigns. He recently became a published photographer and an author ("Humming in My Universe: Random Takes on Everything" and "Between Links"). He is currently teaching at the Ateneo de Manila Communication Arts Department.

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PSID exhibit honors 35 interior designers

THE PHILIPPINE School of Interior Design (PSID) marks its 35th anniversary with an interior design exhibit "Tribute: An Affair in Black & White," slated until Oct. 31 at the LKG Towers, Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

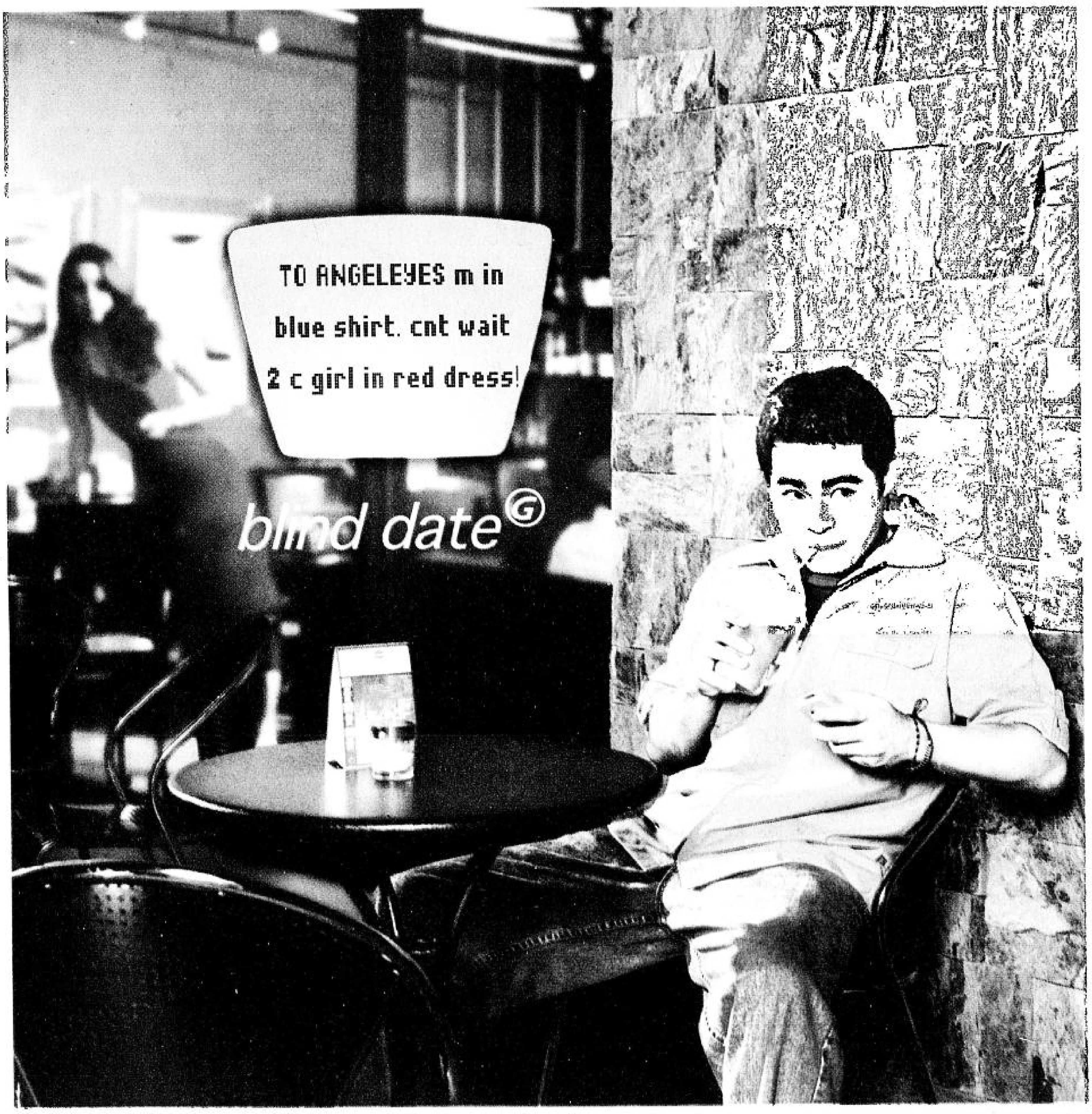
The exhibit focuses on the advanced class students' designs that are both exciting and timely.

A highlight of the affair will be PSID's tribute to 35 personages who have made a significant contribution in its development as the country's premiere institution in interior design education. Among the honorees are PSID founders Agustin Cancio and Edith Oliveros.

"The tribute will not be in the form of a plaque or a trophy, but in the mien of 35 design exhibit booths specially dedicated to these people whose contribution made PSID what it is today," says Victor Ruel Pambid Jr., overall adviser of advanced class 2002. "The personalities, design styles, preferences, vocations and contributions to the industry and the academe of these 35 designers will be adapted in the exhibit that will be virtually classic and timeless—in black and white."

"Tribute" will center on 35 different types and looks of interiors done in black and white—living areas, toilet and baths, foyers, even bars and cafés that will be viewed achromatically in different textures, scales and proportions.

The exhibit also presents the history of the school, its past, its people and the graduating students of 2002.



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Petite problems and pretty moms

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By Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

MY problem is that I'm only 5'3" and pretty well-endowed in the chest area. No matter how slim I get in the other parts, my chest stands out! Are there any tricks to slim that part? What would be the best kind of outfits for me? What should I avoid?

Lucky you! While a number of women are resorting to breast augmentation, your problem is the exact opposite. You can approach this dilemma in two ways. One, find out what you can do to minimize your chest area through your manner of dressing (as you are doing now). And two, celebrate and revel in the fact that you've been blessed with a great set of mammary glands (think Joyce Jimenez)! Either way, you must aim to create a desirable body proportion so as to seem taller and slimmer.

Petite women with big breasts have a tendency to look short-waisted so wear pants and skirts that are cut low or fall on the first hip. Dresses with darted fronts will also flatter your full figure. You must avoid empire waistlines, obis, wide waistbands or belts, high-waisted bottoms and chemise or shift dresses that hang straight down from the busts without darts. If you must minimize, wear tops in dark colors. Then, do away with frills, ruffles, drapes and extra details that add bulk.

Ianne Sison, Cosmopolitan magazine's beauty editor, has the same body type and she suggests that you invest in clean, classic clothing that looks streamlined such as V-neck halter-tops or asymmetrical, one-sided tops in soft, stretch fabric. "If you have to wear tailored clothing, it is best to use fabrics that are not too structured so as to avoid a boxy look," she adds.

Ianne also says that you must never underestimate the importance of a good brassiere. Choose a style that holds in the shape but does not necessarily flatten or make your breasts look rounder.

Meanwhile, top designer Randy Ortiz says that the best necklines for you are V, round or scoop that falls halfway between the collarbone and busts. Do away with Sabrina collars, turtlenecks or cuts that are close to the neck in order to make it look longer and to create the right proportion. He recommends the use of soft fabrics like silk and chiffon.

For evening wear, Randy suggests taking the focus away from your breasts by wearing backless gowns, tops and dresses. He stresses the importance of darts and construction, especially for suits and jackets and he advises that you avoid wrap dresses and tops that will not suit your body type.

I JUST love all those great fashion neckpieces that are so in vogue. However, I'm kind of petite. Is it advisable for me to wear those kinds of jewelry? What would be the best kind of accessories for a petite Filipina?

Your primary goal is to create the illusion of length. Donning fashionable but chunky neckpieces will definitely defeat the purpose. Heavy pieces will weigh you down and cut you in half, so to speak.

What you want is to create an unbroken line from head to toe, thus, elongating your appearance. This doesn't mean you can't enjoy the latest jewelry trends. There are other fashionable neckpieces that you can choose from. The key is to minimize. Think smaller pearls and stones, finer chains and links.

Instead of wearing a multistrand necklace made of numerous semiprecious stones and crystals, try a strand or two made of the same stones. You can also wear a leather or rubber cord, which is very much in vogue nowadays, with a pendant made of semiprecious stones. It really all depends on your mood.

Tweetie de Leon-Gonzalez of Ice, maker of bead jewelry, says, "You need not be limited by your body type. Select your neckpieces according to your own personal style and mood, just as you choose your clothing, fragrance and makeup based on these. Dressing up can still be fun and interesting as there are countless styles to choose from. But do make sure that your choice does not overpower but instead complements your outfit and personality."

Take your pick from the fashionable neckpieces on these pages that are perfect for your petite frame.

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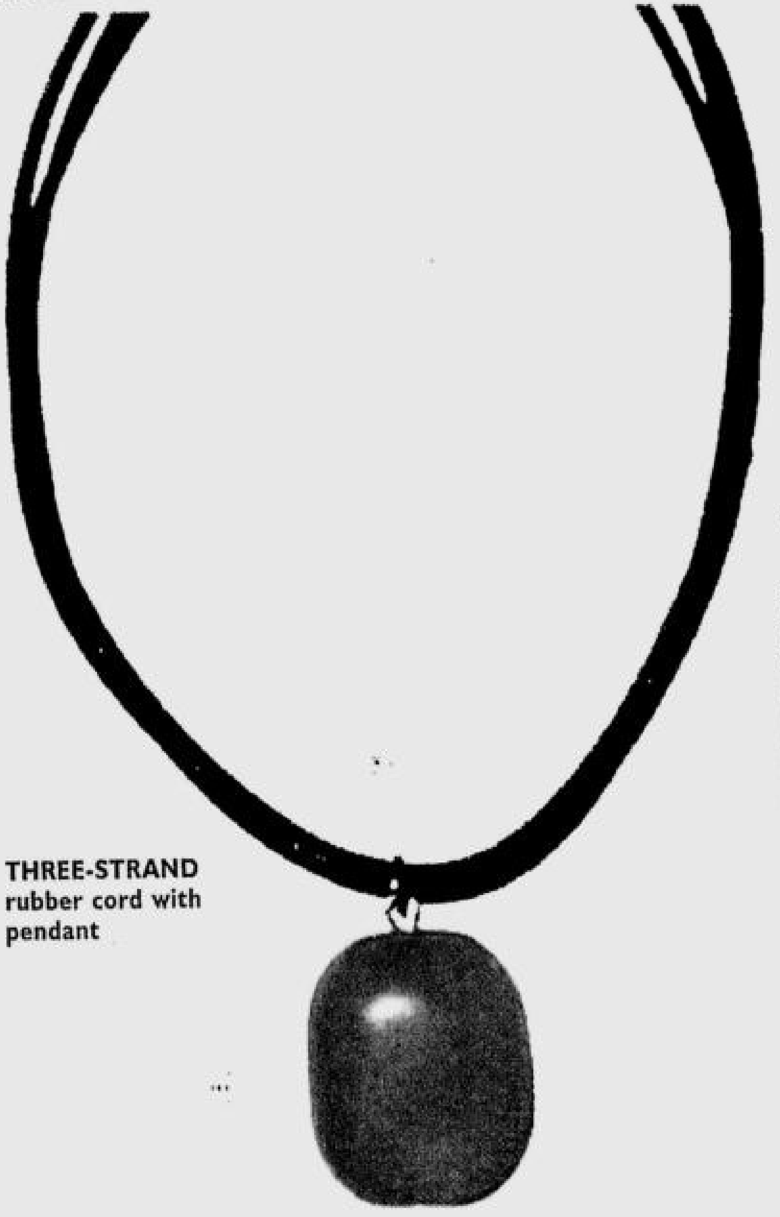

THREE-STRAND rubber cord with pendant

MULTISTRAND brass wire with carnelian and citrine beads

From page F1

I'M 43 and I have a 16-year-old daughter. I take good care of myself—I watch what I eat, exercise—such that my daughter and I are able to wear each other's clothes. Is it okay to do this? What should my guidelines be? I don't want people to think I'm into a midlife crisis or something.

Congratulations, pretty mama! Very few women in their 40s can proudly say that they share clothing with their teenage daughters.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with this, but do remember that you must always dress according to your style, body type and age. Yes, age does come into the picture, as dressing appropriately is part of ageing gracefully. There are no hard and fast rules, but modest (take note, modest does not mean *manang*) dressing is one very important benchmark.

Please do not attempt to wear your daughter's skin-baring midriffs or microminiskirts and other similar articles of clothing, unless this is your own personal style of dressing. Neither should you slip into your daughter's ultra-trendy clothes such as juvenile-looking peasant blouses, backless hankie tops, majorly distressed and deconstructed pieces and the like, if it does not suit your character.

When I was in my teens and my mother was in her 30s (sorry, Mom, I didn't mean to reveal your age), we would also wear each other's clothes. Actually, the scenario was I would usually raid her closet as she never really wore any of my up-to-the-minute, youthful pieces. She would borrow some of my things, but they were mostly classics like twin-sets, boat-neck tops and silk shells.

So, just as my mom did, I suggest that you only wear your daughter's simple, classic articles of clothing that are befitting your age. This is not to say that you must confine yourself to boring, generic, stodgy pieces. "Classic with a twist," "understated elegance" or "subtly sexy" are phrases that you might want to live by. If you favor the latest fads, then compromise by mixing one trendy thing with several classic pieces. After all, fashion should be fun and a means of expressing yourself. You can be as creative and as fashionable as you please, just properly and appropriately dressed at all times.

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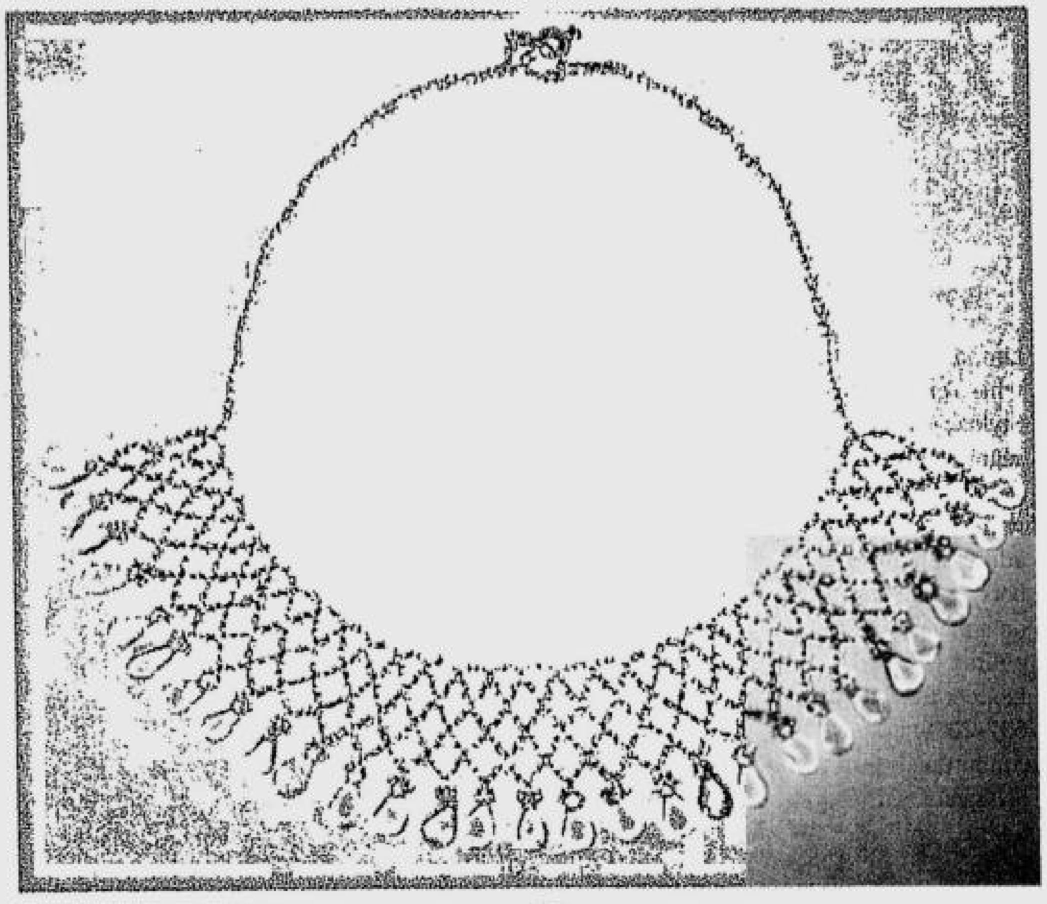
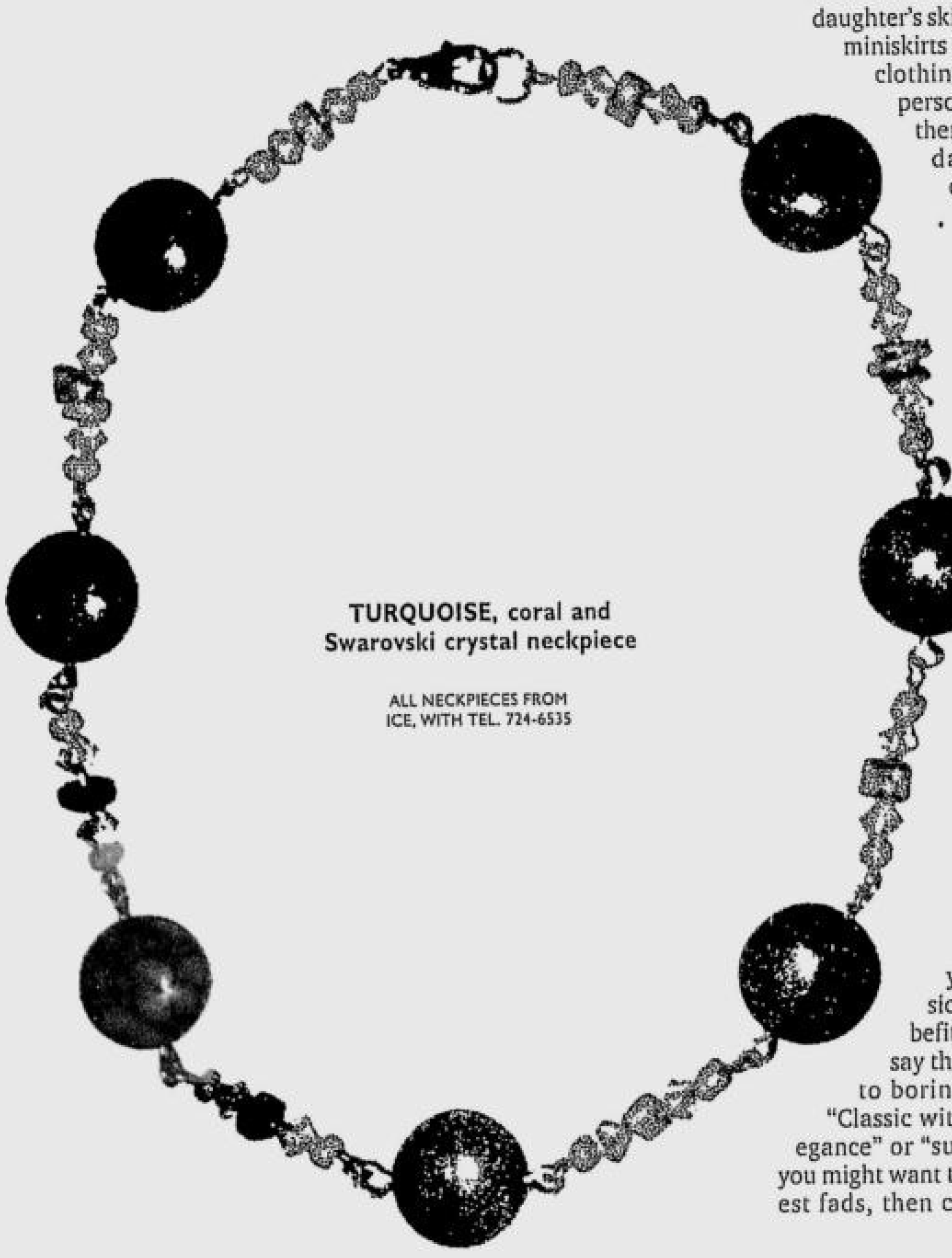


COLLAR of glass beads and crystal drops



TURQUOISE, coral and Swarovski crystal neckpiece

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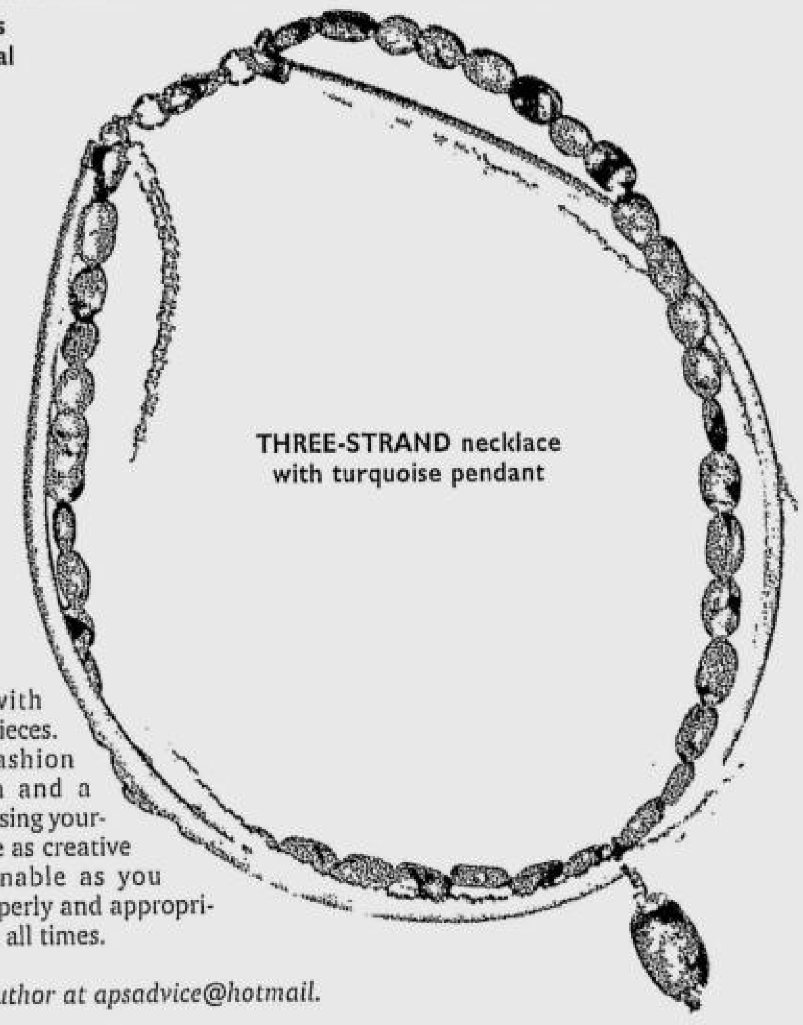

THREE-STRAND necklace with turquoise pendant

Paula Dorf's brushes and outstanding products

Part I

MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas

PROFESSIONAL makeup artists have been coming out with their own makeup lines. Since there are so many of them, they have to come out with specialty products or trademarks to get them noticed. Knowing who the celebrities that go to them helps a lot, too. I will feature two celebrity makeup artists, namely, Paula Dorf and Laura Mercier. Their lines are sold exclusively in Essences at Rustan's Makati.

Paula Dorf

Personal celebrity friend: Barbra Streisand. She, in fact, had a cameo in "The Mirror has Two Faces." She was the makeup artist responsible for Barbra's famous transformation scene from plain Jane to glamour girl.

Diane Keaton, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mary Tyler Moore, Arnold Schwarzenneger, Michael Douglas and Katie Holmes are some of her celebrity clients.

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She uses *lakton* (synthetic and mango colored) brushes for liquids and creams and sable and squirrel for powders.

Outstanding products:

Her blushes. They are a godsend, especially for those who are clueless about eyeshadow application, as they make the job easier and blending is a breeze.

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Sweep Away Clean-up stick. A glycerin-based stick that erases mistakes only, not the rest of your makeup. Lipstick out of line or eye shadow went berserk? Just swipe stick over area and no need to retouch makeup. I carry it around to mop up excess eye makeup and lipstick smears.

Perfect Illusion. Makes lips look fuller and locks lipstick in place and safe to use around eyes to fill out lines.

Cheek Cream blush. Jennifer Anniston uses Candy Apple while Liv Tyler uses Doll Face. Colors may look garish but when applied, they make you look like you're blushing from within—very natural. Its *lakton* brush is designed to mold into the shape of the apples of your cheeks to make the job easy. Most natural powder blush? Shady Lady, for that sun-kissed look.

Cake mascara. Applied with a small fan-shaped *lakton* brush, this hypoallergenic water-resistant mascara creates a luscious over-the-top lash look. Think Hollywood glamour or the Shakespearean theater.

For autumn 2002, frosty eyes are in but in a sheer effect; Dorf's Eye Color Glimmers are perfect as they only give a hint of color and sparkle. Want to go heavier? Just add more.

My favorite lipsticks? Kiss, a glamorous true red, and Paradise, a beige that gives my lips the Angelina Jolie effect in color. Her actual lipstick shade, MAC Folio, makes anyone whose lips are less-than-a-natural-bright-red look dead.

Check out Paula Dorf's other cosmetics at Essences. You can even try the full line in the samples with no obligation to buy.

Next week, I will feature Laura Mercier.

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Seminar aims to help empower women

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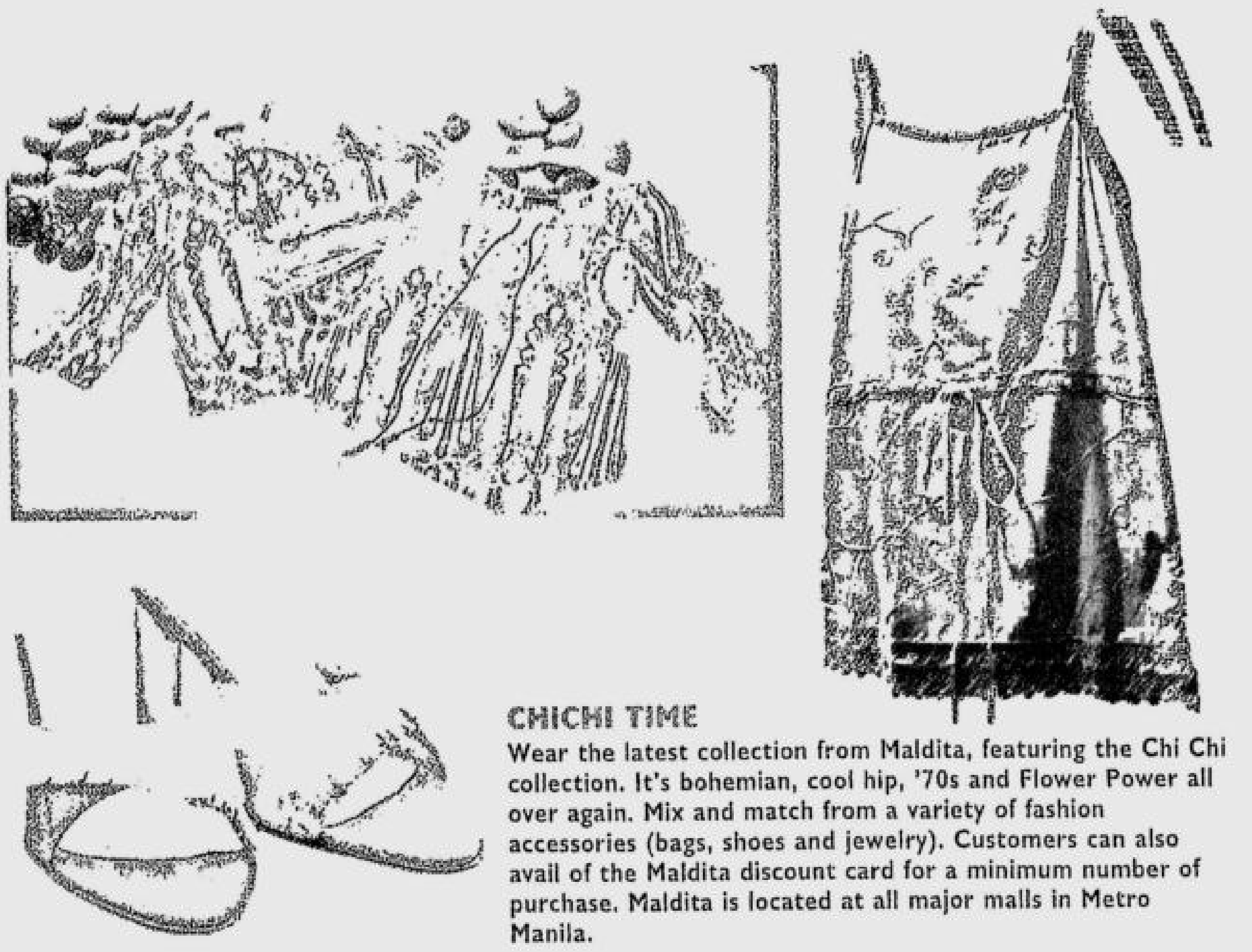
LEARN more about how you can improve yourself in a one-day seminar exclusively for women, "Cosmopolitan Goes To Work With Women & The City," 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 19 at Podium 4 of the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza in Makati.

The seminar, jointly organized by Cosmopolitan Magazine and One Woman Show Inc., is open to women 18-35 years old. It aims to honor women by educating and empowering them.

Speakers include former beauty queen and television personality Miriam Quiambao, personal fitness trainers Paolo Villaroel and Cheska Tiu-Laurel of Core Fitness, taekwondo champion Monsour del Rosario and instructor Louie Domingo, model and image enhancement expert Olen Lim, makeup stylist Lala Flores, and finance whiz Terri Agustin. The latest collection of Style@Work by Dockers will be featured in a segment hosted by Lim.

The seminar is free of charge. To join, write your name, age, occupation, office address, home and office telephone numbers, e-mail address and cell phone number on a piece of paper and send it to "Cosmopolitan Goes To Work," 30 Edsa corner Pioneer St., Mandaluyong City, or fax it to 637-2206. E-mail cosmopromos@summitmedia.com.ph or text FN(space)JOIN(space)WORK(space)<cell phone number><full name><age><office or home telephone nos.><e-mail address> and send it to 2333 for Globe and 211 for Smart subscribers.

Deadline for submission is Oct. 17. The first 500 entries will be accommodated. Participants will be notified by phone or e-mail.



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Fashion parade launches store's new offering

ELLE has opened its fourth outlet at the Woman Store on the second level of Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati City.

During Ayala Center's most recent monthly midnight madness promo, fashion models in Elle clothes and accessories paraded around the mall to announce the opening of Elle's outlet.

A fashion show was held at the store focusing on three themes: casual, bohemian-inspired and dress-down Friday.

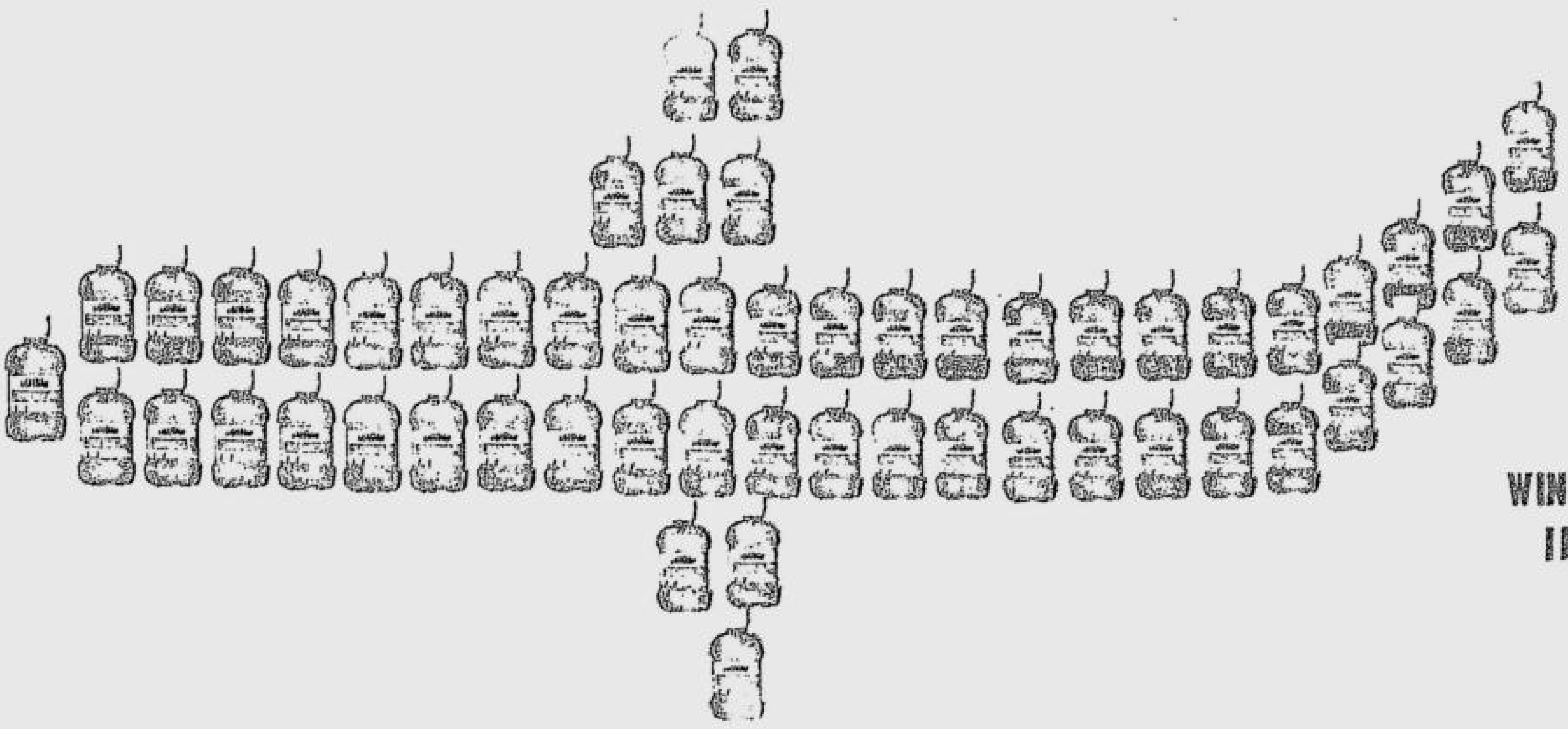
The casual line featured Elle's signature narrow-striped, pastel-hued cotton baby tees and capri pants, worn with bright red and yellow tote bags. The bohemian-chic line showed off Elle's romantic white cotton shirts with lace and eyelet accents, worn with denim pants with floral trimmings at the hem.

Dress-down Friday showed a different take on office wear—slim and sleek zip-up jackets paired with skirts and capri pants.

At the opening were Eileen L. de Guzman, general manager of Miwaki Philippines Inc. (exclusive distributor of Elle), and Elle merchandising manager Leni A. Delmendo. Also present were Woman Store owner Miriam Velasco and department store manager Babylyn Buhat.

Last Sept. 13, Elle opened another store on the second level of Landmark in Makati City.

Elle collections can also be seen at the R1 level of the Lifestyles Wing, Power Plant Mall; Padre Faura Wing of Robinsons Place, Manila; and Cinderella at Megamall in Ortigas. Check out other Elle corners at the leather goods section of the Landmark and at the Le Donne outlets in Glorietta and SM North Edsa.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